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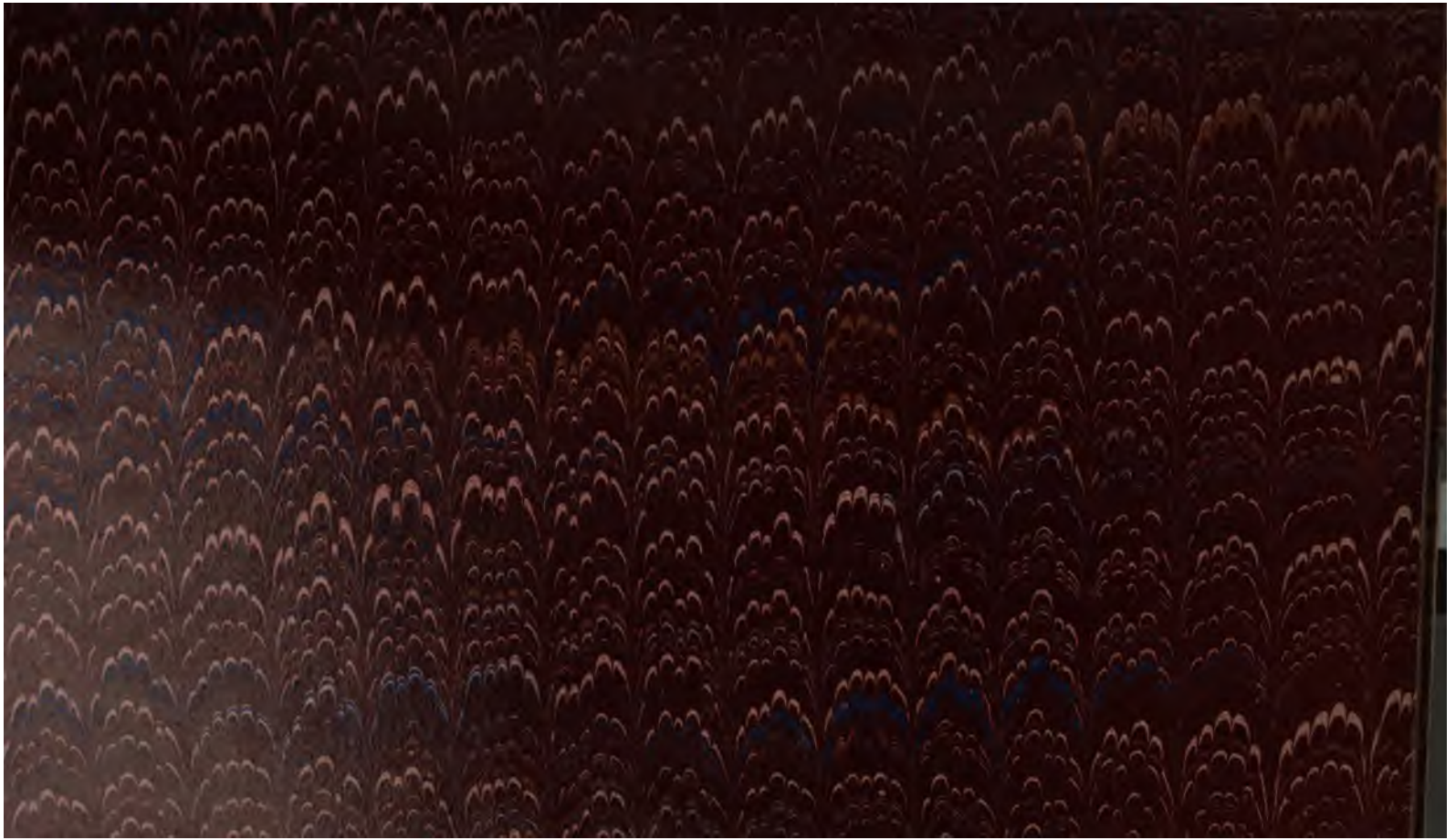

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THE ABERDEEN PRINTERS.

CHAPTER I.

EDWARD RABAN.

A HISTORY of Scotch printing in general would be out of place in a work such as this, which only treats of the rise and progress of the art in one of the towns in the kingdom. Nevertheless, it will be useful, for comparison of dates, to state the leading facts of the introduction of the typographic art into the northern half of the kingdom.

Briefly, they are these:—In 1507, King James V. granted a licence to Chepman and Myllar, and they continued to print so far as is known until 1510. Other printers followed in regular succession, except for a period of about 26 years, during which our knowledge is at fault. Thomas Davidson, who printed in 1541, was succeeded by John Scot, who first extended the privilege of a press to the Scottish provinces, by introducing printing to St. Andrews in the year 1552. Then followed Robert Lekpreuik, who was the first printer in Stirling, Thomas Bassandyne, Alexander Arbuthnot, John Ross, Henry Charteris, Thomas Vau-

trollier, and Robert Waldegrave, bringing us to the commencement of the seventeenth century. By that time the press had grown a power in Scotland, and the single line of succession of printers a thing of the past.

Although St. Andrews and Stirling thus early appear as places whence books were issued, yet the reasons for this are to be found in the exigencies of the times; and it was really not until the seventeenth century that printing spread to the provinces of Scotland.

That Aberdeen received the boon of a press so late as 1622 has often appeared strange to many. But if we consider the rude state of the country, the extreme poverty of the people, the difficulties of carriage, and the small chance of being able widely to disseminate the products of the press, we rather have reason to feel astonishment at the enterprise and activity of its first printer, Edward Raban.

It is very much to be regretted that the facts connected with Raban's life are very few, and to many they must appear unimportant. It may be well to premise that nothing here has been conjectured, but that instead, the bare facts of the case, so far as they have been ascertained, are set forth in all their simplicity.

Upon the authority of the Parson of Rothiemay,* we are informed that Edward Raban was an Englishman by birth; and, had we been disposed to doubt this source, the matter is at once set at rest by the imprint of one of his own books, in which he styles himself

* Gordon's Scots Affairs, Vol. III., p. 238.

Edwardus Rabanus, *Anglus.* * Like so many more of his countrymen who followed the same profession, he came north in search of a suitable field in which to exercise his craft. The first town he stayed in was Edinburgh, where, in 1620, he printed at the sign of the A. B. C., in a house at the Cowgate Port. Here he printed, so far as has been yet discovered, only one book, a theological treatise by Archibald Symson, Minister at Dalkeith, a writer who revels in unfolding hidden meanings in the sacred number seven. †

Raban cannot have continued long in Edinburgh, for in the same year, 1620, he removed to St. Andrews. It is very much to be regretted that the municipal records of this ancient city are very deficient—those for the years during which Raban worked there are lost.

The University of St. Andrews appointed him as their printer, ‡ and we would naturally expect to have some notice of the appointment in their books. But a search in their archives has been fruitless, no mention being made of him or of any other printer; indeed, before that period and for long after, the minutes are confined to strictly academical matters.

In St. Andrews he placed the same sign over his printing office as in Edinburgh. The house in which he worked we have been unable to identify, but the imprint of one of his books states that it was in the South Street of that ancient and beautiful city. §

* See page 201. † See pages 1, 185. ‡ See pages 2-7. § See page 2.

There is little to narrate about his career in St. Andrews. In 1621 he executed some work for Dr. Robert Baron, who continued a patron to the last; and who, in all likelihood, exercised considerable influence in bringing about Raban's removal to Aberdeen. His residence in St. Andrews cannot have exceeded two years, for he printed in Aberdeen the King's College Thesis, which was to be disputed on the 22nd July, 1622.

It will always be a matter of uncertainty whether the authorities of the Town or of the University first invited Raban to settle in Aberdeen. We have already hinted that Dr. Baron may have been concerned, he having removed to Aberdeen, and having much influence with both the University and City authorities; but, Bishop Patrick Forbes, a prelate, enlightened and learned in advance of his day—despite his persecutions for witchcraft—must also have been a very active agent in the transaction.

Kennedy states that Sir Paul Menzies, on behalf of the Town and Bishop Patrick Forbes, obtained a patent from King James I. for a printer to exercise his calling in Aberdeen,* but we regret to say that we can find no confirmation of this statement.

The bishop's action in the matter is celebrated by Andrew Strachan, in his *Panegyricus Inauguralis*, in the following glowing terms:—

* Kennedy's Annals of Aberdeen, Vol. I., p. 175.

* "Antistes noster [Patricius Forbesius] . . . cum cerneret prælum esse Bibliothecæ Φυτευτήριον, divinam illam et Jovis cerebro dignam Artem Typographicam, (quæ nunquam ante saltus Caledoniæ et juga Grampia salutarat) huc tanquam dé Cœlo devocavit: atque hâc prærogativâ effert se Academia nostra super alias omnes nostrates. In tantis frigoribus nec prælum sudare cessat, idque haud absque operæ pretio. Non solùm enim excuduntur hic Libri, qui omnium Scholarum usibus deserviunt; sed etiam ii, qui cùm genium habeant, nostris scholis earunque rectoribus ornamento sunt: id que Typis splendidis, qui lucem illustrissimarum Regionum ferre possunt." †

The bishop remained Raban's friend until the death of the former in 1635, when his decease was mourned by his printer in verses to which we shall allude later on.

The earliest notice we have of Raban in Aberdeen is his appointment by the Town Council as their printer on the 20th November, 1622, when a salary of forty pounds Scots was ordered to be paid to him yearly, and every scholar attending the Grammar School had to pay him eightpence quarterly, which sum was to be collected with the school fees. It will be seen from the minutes of the meeting that the benefits of this bargain were not one-sided :—

20th November 1622.

The Samyn day The Prowest baillies and Counsall upon dyvers gude considerationnes moveing thame and namelie In respect of the ease to all townes bairnes quha are at the scholes of this burghe in the pryces of their books to witt a third penny downe of ilk book quhilk they wer wont to pey for the same abefoir, Gives and grantis to Eduard Raban

* "Our bishop [Patrick Forbes] . . . when he perceived the printing-press to be a nursery of the Library, fetched hither as if from heaven, the art of printing, an art divine and worthy the brain of Jupiter, (which never before had greeted the forests of Caledonia and the Grampian mountains): and by this privilege our Academy is exalted above all others in this country. Nor mid the rigours of the region does the printing press cease to toil, or toil without reward for its work. For not only are Books issued here which are useful to all Scholars; but also those which while they have talent are a distinction to our schools and to their rectors: and that in a splendour of Type, which can bear the light of the most illustrious Regions."

† Andrew Strachan's Panegyricus Inauguralis, Aberdoniis, 1631, p. 37.

printer induellar in this burghe Ane pensioun of fourtie pundis yeirlie to be payit to him induring the will and plesure of the Counsall allenerlie and na longer be the Dean of gild of the burghe for the time at tua termes in the yeir Witsonday and Martimas in Wynter be equall portionnes The first yearis payment begynnand at the feast of Martimas Imlie bygaine in this instant yeir of god Jaj vic and tuantie tua yeirs And forder it is thocht expedient that during the counsallis Will everie schollar at the Grammer schole musick and Inglishe schooles sall give aucht pennyes quarterlie to the prynter to be payit with their scholage to the Maister of Schole And he to mak payment of ilk scholaris aucht pennyes to the prynter, and to the effect the counsall may be certifiet of the ease foirsaid in the pryces of thair bairnes books It is ordainit that a tabill salbe maid of all suche bukes as ar requisite for the bairnes both in the grammer schole and Inglishe schole and the said tabill to be printed and put on a brod and a copie yairof to be fixit in the clerkis chalmer and ane uther in Dauid Mailings bueth quha sellis the bookes and the third tabill to be affixit in ilk schole.*

His appointment as printer to the University seems to have been simultaneous with his coming to Aberdeen, for, in the imprint of a book printed in the same year, he bears the honourable title "Universitatis Typographus." †

The sign under which he printed was changed on his removal to Aberdeen. The "A. B. C." which we found over his printing house in Edinburgh and St. Andrews, gave place to the more pretentious sign of "The Townes Armes," and this continued to be the sign-board of the Aberdeen printers for at least one hundred years.

One of Raban's earliest friends in his new home was the bookseller, David Melvill (the Dauid Mailing of the pension minute), who appears to have befriended him from first to last. Many of the books, especially

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LI., p. 20. † See page 9.

those belonging to what might be called popular literature, were printed for Melvill, who, although not the first bookseller in Aberdeen, as was long imagined, may have been the only one at that period. This trade connection was formed at once, for Melvill's name is found on several books dated 1622, the books being either printed for, or at the expense of, the bookseller. The friendship existing between them is further evidenced by the terms on which Raban rented his house from the Town's authorities. Melvill's position as a burgess must have been of the greatest assistance to the new comer, and we may well believe, from what we know of Raban's subsequent history, that without his cautioner it would have been often impossible for him to carry on his trade in the town.

The house occupied by Raban as a printing office was on the north side of Castle Street, and was a two-storied edifice. It is described as the "toun's foir hous aboue the meill mercat," and is also spoken of as a new house. Although we cannot positively assert that Raban's occupancy of this house began immediately on his coming to the town, yet, we find his friend David Melvill paying for rent in the same year.* His tenancy of the "new foir hous," at all events, commenced during the second year of his residence in Aberdeen.

* Dean of Gild's Accounts, 1622-23.

Discharge.

Item to Dauid Melvill for ane yeirs maill of the prenters hous according to ane act of counsall. 10 lib.

The Town Council, at their meeting on the 14th February, 1623, entered into an agreement with Raban, Melvill appearing as his cautioner, and both parties signed the minute, which is as follows:—

"*14th February; 1623.*

The said day, the prowest, baillies, and counsall, settis, and in assedatioun lattis, to Eduard Raban, printer, the tounes new foir hous lyand on the north syid of the Castellgett aboue the meill mercat, for the space of ane yeire, viz., fra Witsonday nixt to cum Jaj. VIC. and tuantie-thrie yearis, quhilk salbe and begyn his entrie thairto till Witsonday nixt thairefter, in the yeare of God Jaj VIC. and tuantie-four yearis, reseruand the lauch hous thairof quhair the meill mercat standis for the tounes vse, quhilk is nowayis comprehendit wnder this sett, and that for peyment of the soume of fourtie pundis money to the tounes thesaurer, viz., tuantie pundis at Witsonday nixt at his entrie, and wther tuantie pundis at Martimes nixt thaireftir; lykeas, the said Edward as principall, and Dauid Meluill, burges of this burghe, as cautionar for him, become actit, coniunctlie and seuerallie, to pay the said soume of fourtie pundis to the tounes thesaurer at the termes aboue writtin, and to leave the said foir hous in als gude estate at the said Edwardis removeing thairfra as the samen salbe fund at his entrie thairwith, and for this effect ane inventar is ordainit to be maid at his entrie of the haill plenischeing within the said hous, and the said Eduard become actit to releive his said cationar.

EDWARD RABAN.
DAUID MELUILL."*

That he continued to occupy this house during the whole of his career as a printer, may be seen from the entries in the Town's Accounts for the various years;†

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. L., pp. 562-563.

† We have copied the following entries from Extracts from the Accounts of the City of Aberdeen, Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., pp. 144-164:—

Discharge, 1624-25.

Item, the comptar aucht to be dischargeit of the soume of fourtie pundis conteinit in his charge for the maill of the townes hous occupeit be Eduard Raban, printer, becaus the said hous maill is assignit to him in pensioun during the counsallis plesor, 40 lib.

Discharge, 1637-1638.

Item, the comptar aucht to be discharget of the soume of fourtie pundis money, quhairwith he charget himselff abefoir, for the maill and duetie of Eduard Raban, printer, his foirland, occupeit be him for the termes of Martimas, 1637, and Witsonday, 1638, 40 lib.

and, that he enjoyed the same emoluments as printer to the Town and to the University, there is abundance of evidence in the Registers of the former, and in the Theses printed for the latter.

Of Raban's domestic relations up to the year 1627, we should have remained in perfect ignorance but for an entry in the Kirk and Bridge Works Accounts, dated 11th January, 1627. There we are told that "the same day Jeanett Jhonstoun spous to Edward Raban, printer bureit gratis." With this we must rest content, happy to have gleaned even this much.

That his relations with his superiors were always smooth, is not to be expected; not even in those old times could repairs be got executed without haggling and bargaining. The new house in the Castlegate had fallen into dis-repair. Ten years had left their traces on the building. The seams of the masonry were all open, and wet percolated the walls of the printer's dwelling. A petition to the owners of the property was considered at a meeting on 2nd May, 1632, when the guardians of the Town's interests drove a somewhat hard bargain with their tenant:—

2d May, 1632.

The said day The mgrattis and Counsall Ordanes George Moreson Deane of Gild to cause poynt with lyme the townes hous occupiet be

Discharge, 1640-1641.

Item, the comptar aucht to be discharget of the sowme of fourtie punds, whair with he chairgit him selff abefoir, for the maill and duetie of Eduard Raban, printer, his foirland, occupeit be him the termes of Martimes, 1640, and Witsonday, 1641, becaus the same is assignet to him be the toun for his service, 40 lib.

Discharge, 1644-1645.

Item, ye comptar oght to be dischargit of the soume of fourtie punds, for Eduard Raban's house maill quhilk he occupyes, 40 lib.

Eduard raban and quhat expenss he deburses thair wpoun salbe allowit in his comptis Becaus the said Eduard hes promeist be his supplicatioun that sa lange as he occupies the said hous he sall not crave the same to be poyntit be the toune hereftir. *

More substantial and encouraging recognitions of his services were made to the printer on the 19th June of the following year. On that day he was granted, by the Town Council, "ane hundreth and allevin pundis . . . for printing of ane buik dedicat be Doctour Barron to the counsall, and alse for printing of some poiesies writtin by Mr. Dauid Wedderburn and Mr. George Robertson." †

A passing glimpse of Raban is obtained in the Family Register of Andrew Melvin, whom we believe to be brother of David Melvill the bookseller. This Register forms part of a small quarto manuscript, now in the possession of John Anderson, Esq., London. It appears to have been used as a common-place book, and contains many curious proverbs, poems, alphabets, &c. Andrew Melvin's fifth child is thus entered, the printer being one of the god-parents :—

"Thomas was borne the 25 day of Novembere the zeir of god 1634 being the 15 day of the moone on ane Tuysday, his godfatheres were, Thomas Cargill, Thomas Andersone Alexr Gray reader, Edwart Raben printer, His godmotheres were Margrat Huisone Spous to Mr. Wm Couper, Isobell Petrie Spous to Jhone broune, cristane ross Spous to Robert Melving creistan galloway Spous to robert Annan Isobel Hendersone Spous to patrick Walker."

But a more interesting fact is disclosed in the next entry, for we see from it that Raban did not remain

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LIIi., p. 53.

† Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LIIi., p. 115.

an inconsolable widower, but, that previous to April, 1637, he had married a second time, his wife being Janet Ealhous, or Ailhous. The birth and baptism of this sixth child of Andrew Melvin is entered as follows in his Register:—

"Robert was borne the 17 day of Apryll 1637 being the 3 day of the moone on ane Mononday, His godfatheres were Robert Paull Robert Straqn Wm Reid Jhon Anderson sone to Gilbert Andersone Skipper His godmotheres were [blank in original] Spous to Jon Wobster, Margreat Straqn, Spous to the foresaid Wm Reid, Janet Ealhous Spous to edward raben printer, Isobell Melving dochter to david melving my brothere."

The life that Raban led must have been an industrious one, as is evidenced by the number of publications that came from his press; and, although we know that he received some assistance in discharging his duties as printer, yet, as his servant is generally spoken of in the singular, we have every reason to believe that with the help of one workman the printing establishment was conducted. In the year 1638 Raban printed a curious treatise, of which he was the author, called "The Glorie of Man, Consisting in the Excellencie and perfection of Woman," of which we have elsewhere given some particulars.* Here we shall briefly indicate the nature of its contents. In the Epistle Dedicatorie we are told that the work was written "to vindicate and deliver myself from the imputation of Sarcastick, bitter, too loose & liberall speaches, agaynst the most noble worthie and transcendant sexe of Women, (which some knowing their own imperfect weaknesse may apprehend to be calumnies and detractive to the whole sexe) I here

* Page 68.

make humble Oblation and with all Reverence present unto your Ladiships Honorable Hands this little Treatise as a part of my studie in my wearisome Journie, this half-yeare by-past, in forraygne Countreys, Which indeed Madame I aimed for your La: the last new-years-day if distresse of weather and contrarie winds, had not hindered. But, through the mercie of God, your La: Servant being safelie arrived, I desire no more but that this Abortive may shelter itself . . . not doubting but that it shall so plead for me that by a just judgement of all your La: most glorious, noble and gracious sexe, I shall be pronounced guiltlesse quyte & free from all Aspersion, and imputation, unjustlie heretofore layd to my charge . . ."

From the above it will be seen that Raban was absent from Aberdeen during the latter part of the year 1637, and the beginning of the year 1638; but, whether the journey was undertaken for the purpose of obtaining new type or other plant, or owing to the troubles then raging, we cannot say. The writer enumerates the "Authors from whom this little Treatise hath its originall beside the holie Scriptures and Chronicles of all nations and in all languages"; they are in number fifty-three. This would indicate a large amount of reading, and the command of a considerable collection of books. There is very little originality in the book, for it is chiefly composed of quotations from various writers, grouped into chapters, of which the titles are as follows:—

Chap. I.—Of the creation of Woman and her Perfection.

Chap. II.—Of the fayre and goodlie Priviledges granted and given unto Women even from the Beginning.

Chap. III.—Of the excellencie of Women whom God hath made the first Mothers of Vertue and Instrumentall Finders out of the most excellent and needful things in the world.

Chap. IV.—Of the Valiantnesse, Boldnesse and courage of Women and of their notorious Battells; fame surpassing the engine or courage of Man.

Chap. V.—Of sundrie good Women who wittilie and valiantly have cleansed whole Countreys and Congregations of Cruell Tyrants and Heretickes.

Chap. VI.—Of the wonderfull goodnesse of God towardes Man, which he hath wrought by Religious Women. And how by a woman Britayne first received the Christian Fayth.

Chap. VII.—Of the Wisedome, learning discipline and good manners wherein Women have proven farre more excellent and perfect than Man.

Chap. VIII.—Of women who have not only surpassed Men in poesie, but also overthrew the learned Doctors and Philosophers in disputation.

Chap. IX.—Of the chastitie Modestie and Temperancie in Women both Wyves and Mayds; to the example of luxurious vitious and libidinous Men.

Chap. X.—Of the great and wonderfull Wisdome in Women: to the high Glorie of God, and great Benefit of Man.

Chap. XI.—Of the constant steadfastnesse in Women not onlie suffering cruell Tormentes but also Horrid Death for the Testimonie of Jesus Christ.

If we except the addresses of the Printer to the Reader at the end of Archibald Symson's "Heptameron," and David Browne's "New Invention intituled Calligraphia," which we have printed at length in another place,* there is no other evidence of Raban's authorship as a prose writer. As a poetical contributor to Bishop Patrick Forbes's "Funerals," we have already spoken of him; and, although we do not at all think that the "Regrate" is his only work in that way, yet, as there

* See pages 4, 6-7.

is no other piece to which he signs his name, we here present it to the reader :—

RABAN'S REGRATE,
For the present loss of his very good Lord, Patron,
and Master,
PATRICKE FORBES,
Bishop of Aberdeen, Baron of Corse
and Oneill,

Who, most peaceablie and Godlie, departed hence to a better lyfe, upon Easter-Even, about three A'Clocke in the morning, at his pallace in Olde Aberdene, adjacent to the Cathedrall Church, in the seventy-first yeare of his honourable age, and the seventeenth yeare of his Godlie Governament. March 28, Anno 1635.

Beholde ! Alace ! here lyeth ONE,
Who, on this Earth, Compare had none.
A Learned Patron, Wyse, and Grave.
A Consull good. What would you have.
Chiefe Orator of Scotland's North.
The World cannot afford his Worth.
A Prelate, and a Pastor good ;
Who, in due tyme, gave Heavenlie food,
At Morne, at Noone, and Evening tyde,
Unto his Flocke, sweet JESUS Bryde,
The Poore, with Meat, Hee fed also,
None hungrie from his house did goe.
A Crosse into His Badge Hee bore,
And follow'd CHRIST, who went before,
But halfe a day, for to prepare
For Corse, with Him, an Heavenly Share.
Then, Death ! Where is thy sting ? Let see.
And grave ! Where is thy Victorie ?
Your Honour in the Dust is spred :
Patricke now reygnes with CHRIST, his Head.
Death's but a passage to convoy
Such Sayncts into their Master's joy.
The LORD prepare us, lesse, and more,
To follow Him : Hee's gone before.
Good Sirs, I am behind the rest,
I doe confesse, for want of Skill ;
But not a whit behind the best,
To shew th' affection of good Will.

EDWARD RABAN, Master Printer,
The first in Aberdene.

In the bibliographical portion of this book considerable quotations have been made from the Almanacs printed by Raban, and it is generally supposed that these were written by him, as well as printed. We fear that he has little credit by either his prose or his verse, although the quaint conceits of the latter have tempted us to preserve what of it we could recover.

From the writing of such verses as the "Regrate" to imprisonment, there is a wide step, but we are bound to state the fact that, on Christmas Eve, 1639, Edward Raban and his wife, with another couple, were put in ward for a broil in which they had been mixed up. The case came before the Town's Magistrate on the last day of the year, when they were found guilty, and sentenced to imprisonment or a fine; but the old records had better speak for themselves:—

Vltimo Decembris 1639

Raban Main and their wyfes convict and Unlawit

In pns. of Mr. Robert Farqūhar baillie Edvard Rabane and Ailhous his spoūs Thomas Maine and Jeane Toūche his Spoūs convict and pūtt in amerciament of coūrt be the depositioūn of sindrie witness admittit suorne and examined for Injuring and dinging of utheris ūpoūn the tūentie foūrt of december Last ūnder selence of night to forbearers For the quhilk the Coūnsall ordains baith the said pairties first the men and nixt the wemen to be Comittit to waird thairin to remaine tūentie foūre hoūres or then ilk pairtie to redeme thame selffis be payment of feftie foūre shillingis to the deane of gild Tandem the said Edvard Raban dischairgit of his vnlaw of ane rex Dolor for considerations moveing the Coūnsell and Tūentie merks givin to him be the Deane of gild in compleit payment of his qūartering moneyes. *

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LIIa., p. 1749.

The printer's lot had fallen in troublous times. Next year, 1640, the General Assembly met at Aberdeen, and many things savouring of prelacy and popery had to be enquired into. Raban was commanded to appear before the Assembly to answer for a very curious charge. Several years previous to this (possibly in 1633) he had printed a Psalm Book with the Book of Common Order, or Presbyterian Liturgy, which was usually appended to the Psalter. He was accused of wilfully "manking" or shortening the prayer at the end of the book, and it was suggested that he had done this at the suggestion, or by instruction, of one of the Aberdeen ministers who were so strongly suspected of holding unsound or anti-covenanting views.* The printer pleaded that it was simply for lack of paper that he had curtailed the prayer, humbly asked pardon of the Assembly, and was dismissed with a caution. The parson of Rothiemay narrates the circumstance in his usual quaint and graphic manner:—

"The printer, Edward Raban, ane Englishman, was called upon; . . . it was objected that he had manked ane common prayer in a new editione of the psalm booke, which some yeares befor he had printed in a large octavo. It was a forme of ane evning prayer, whence he had tackne of the conclusione for want of paper, it being the closure of the last sheete of the booke. Ther wer other coppyes of that prayer readde, and they wold needs have the printer confesse that he had throwne away all that clause out of designe, or by warrant of some of the ministers of

* In the Journal of the Glasgow Assembly held in 1638, printed in the Records of the Kirk, it is recorded that, during the discussion on the Articles of Perth, "as some things were cited out of the treatise before the Psalme Booke, printed at Aberden, 1625, where prayer is made against hyreling Papists, that God would confound them, In these that are printed at Aberden, Papists are left out; In ane uther prayer, these words, 'the Romish Idol,' are left out;

"Then Doctor Guild, in Aberdene, desyred that the printer might macke accompt of it, who had bein the occasion of that."—Records of the Kirk, p. 169.

Aberdeen. The printer protested solemnly that what he did was of himself, and was done for want of paper; and simply that if they wer offended, he craved them humble pardone; that he could instance that, except in that coppy, he had never omitted to print the conclusione of that evning prayer in any other editione of the psalmes ln meeter, and should never omitte it againe. So after a rebooke for his rashnesse in curtailing a prayer, he gott licence to be gone, without furder censure." *

Nor was this the only circumstance connected with Aberdeen printing which occurred during that Assembly's session. In 1636 the celebrated book of Canons had been printed under Dr. Robert Baron's supervision at Raban's press. The selection of Aberdeen for the production of this national work is easily accounted for. Dr. Baron was very high in favour with the King and Archbishop Laud, and was entrusted by them with the duty of editing this work, which, it was hoped, would bring about a better state of discipline in the Scottish Church. The troubled state of Scotland in general, and the great disaffection to the Episcopal Church in the capital, made it of importance that the work should be quietly carried through. This could best be accomplished by Baron's old friend the printer in his own town, and accordingly the work was executed by Raban. Dr. Baron had been taken to his rest before the Assembly met at Aberdeen, but his widow did not escape from this inquisitorial gathering. Gordon says that they gave orders to take the poor woman prisoner, and bring her to Aberdeen,

"Whither she was no sooner come but she must delyver the key of her husbands librarye, that it might be searched for manuscripts and letters. Some letters wer founde wryttne by the Bishopp of Rosse,

* Gordon's Scots Affairs, Vol. III., pages 238-239.

concerninge the printing of the Booke of Canons, and a timber peece of *tailly du pierre*, whereupon was cut the Kings armes, to be printed into the frontispeece of that booke." *

The *tailly du pierre*, or woodblock, is printed on the back of the titlepage of the "Canons," and is a well executed piece of woodcutting.

Spalding narrates the same circumstance, with this interesting addition, that letters were found containing orders that Raban should print in the Book of Common Order some passages of Arminianism, and it is probably on this account that the printer was brought up on the charge of "manking" the prayers.

1640.

Forder, vmquhill Doctor Barronis wyf wes, by command of this assemblie, be ane rate of mvskiteris brocht out of hir awin hous in Strylay, with hir husbandis preiching paperis; quhilk being sein be the assemblie, wes not found sound. Thair wes also brocht thair ane missive letter direct be the archibischop of Canterburie to the said vmquhill Doctor Barron, with tua vther missives, direct to him and vmquhill Mr. Alexr Ross, fra the bischop of Ross, all tending to the mantenans of Armenianisme, promesing thairfor rewaird, and with all willing thame to caus Raban imprint in the book of commoun prayer sum passages of Armenianisme; quhilkis paperis and letteris thay careit with thame, and sufferit the gentil woman to go. †

Financial difficulties appear to have fallen upon the printer about this time, for, in one of the Registers in the Town House of Aberdeen, under date 31st March, 1641, the following entry appears, signed by him:—

The said day in presence of William Forbes baillie compired Eduard Raban printer in Abēr and grantit and confest him restand auchtand to Mr Thomas Gray late baillie of the said brugh Thrie score punds usuall

* Gordon's Scots Affairs, Vol. III., pages 237-238.

† Spalding's Trubles, Vol. I., p. 312.

Wilgmus Bolle conduct p vnlawfull

The same day [illegible]
conduct and put in amercement of court for indwing all
and of hymne he wyll be ye ostyllmyr of any of yis
bloid to fye bar ye alexander fyndlater lytle cumlion
forsyd holone and wyllyam gray vrygl cumrom
forsyd margaret for payment of ye vnlawfull stokad
ye compes fuld modfrolle and of ye vnlawfull modfrol
be fyne mytted to be payd be ye dame of yeld and pocum
pelw ni and fyust court and amerell and ye rolle parlin

Ezay Baban

The sud day in presence of William Sebat Bailie
comprid Edward Baban prentis and grant
and pusist him zyst and laytand to Mr Thomas Ezay Cit
and burgis of ye sud burgh Edinburgh vsand ye sall bid wil
be paper off ye [illegible] ye sum [illegible] Mr Thomas
Ezay vecomtis ye sud Edward arte ye vbis sum to pay
to ye sud Mr Thomas Wittynstone of [illegible]

Vt forbus ba. Edward Baban

The said Thomas and Margaret Pecke

William Pecke

conduct and put in amerciament of court for trespassing

and of trams he was to be attainted of felony

conduct p warrant

blood to the king by alexander fitzlatke litster cousin

to the said John and William gray were cousins

to the said margaret for payment of xxx marks

to be made and of xxx marks

to be paid to the lords of yield and to com

pen ni and trust court and arbitrate and certain parties

Ezay Baban

The said day in presence of William Webb bailiff

compared Edward Baban principal abbot and granted

and put him left and instead of Thomas Ezay late

bailiff of the said burgh therefore ordained shall be

for paper office at the said John Scouter and Thomas

English according to the said Edward at the court by

the said Thomas Wittynet and of Lab

Wforbus ba. Edward Baban

Scotes moy for paper ust & receavet be him from the said Mr Thomas. Quhilk sowme the said Eduard acts publest him to pay to the said Mr Thomas within terme of Law.

W. Forbes baillie Edward Raban *

This is one of the two known signatures of Raban; the other being appended to the lease of the printing office.

In 1643 the first mention occurs of Raban having another place of business, besides the printing office in the Castle-gate, above the Meal-market. At that date, and until the close of his career, he advertised that his books are "to be sold at his Shop at the end of the Broad-gate," he having in all probability taken over the "bueth" of David Melvill, whose death occurred early in 1643.† Both of these tenements were rented by his successors over a very long period; certainly, until 1736, and possibly later.

The death of his old friend, David Melvill, must have embarrassed the printer. It would appear from the subjoined minute that Raban, not being able to fulfil his obligation to the Town for the sum of 500 merks Scots, his cautioner's son, Robert Melvill, had to satisfy the Council by selling a certain quantity of his father's books to pay the debt. ‡

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LIII2., p. 798.

† The entry of his funeral in the Kirk and Bridge Work Accounts is as follows:—"1643, Feby. 8, David Meluill, burges."

‡ 11 June 1645. The quhilk day, anent the supplication gevin in to the provest, baillies, and counsell be Robert Melvill, sone to vmquhill David Melvill, stationer, burges of this burghe, makand mention that quhair his said vmquhill father being bot ane cautioner for Edward Raban, printer, of this burghe, for payment to the maister of mortified moneys of this burghe, off the principall soume of fyue hundreth merkis Scots money, yit be his owne consent befoir his death allowit that suche ane number of bookes sould be gevin to thair honors of the counsell for satisfactioun of the said soume: lykeas

There is very little known of the last years of Raban's life. We cannot even fill up the blank by stating that his press was busily occupied as in former years. The number of publications known which bear his imprint, after David Melvill's death, are so few, that the consideration is forced upon us whether or not the press stood idle during the greater part of the time between 1645 and 1649. The unsettled state of the country is shown by the very suggestive entry in the Burgh Accounts, where Raban receives "wool and ane skinn . . . to print the papers that is prined on the bristis of thes that stand on the scaffold." *

Former accounts of Aberdeen's first printer have always stated that Raban died in 1649, immediately

it pleasit thair worships of the counsall to geue the credit of the selling thairof to the supplicant, vpon suche pryces thairof, and ay and till they wer sold, without any definite tyme, becaus the supplicant culd not tak vpon him to be comptable for the moneyes and pryces thairof, but according as the occasioun sould serve that the bookes wer bocht be severall persones wha pleasit to buy, quhilk incertantie micht postpon the full payment many yeirs, and that not throw any fault in the supplicant, becaus he never barganed vtherwayes bot to give payment as he sould receave, beseikand, thairfoir, the counsell to tak to their consideratioun how moir certanelie and shortlie their worships micht be satisfied, if it wald pleas thame to consider of the supplicants gude offer, which was, that he micht be imployit for ruleing of the clokis and bells within this burghe, ay and quhill the tyme that the payment, which is termlie for such a work, may exhaust the full soume of the bookes quhilk as yit is to the foir, and wald be a most sure and certane payment to the toun, and that within a definit tyme; quhairas the other course hes not, nor cannot, have any definit course or certane tyme, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplication: Quhilk being red, sein, and considerit be the said counsell, and thay tharwith ryplie, and at lenth advysed, the saids provest, baillies, and counsall nominats and appoints the said Robert to enter presentlie with the keiping and ruleing of the tounes commoun clokis, towit, the tolbuith clok, the clok of the kirk, and colledge kirk; as lykewayes appoints him to ring the touns commoun bell in the tolbuith at fyve houres in the morneing, and nyn houres at even, and ilk Wedinsday at aucht houres in the morneing; and also ilk Thursday at twa houres efternoon, to the dean of gild court; and ordanes the fie dew to him thairfoir to be allowit in payment of the tua hundreth and sewintie aucht punds fyftein s. four d., restand be the said Robert to the said maister of mortified moneyes, conforme to the desyre of the said Robert his supplication; and if he sall be fund deficient, to be removed vpon his first fault; and the counsell ordanes the superplus of the foirsaid soume that sall be restand be him the tyme of his removeall to be payit be the said Robert within sex moneths efter his removeing, notwithstanding he wes not obleist abefoir for payment of the same till the bookes deliuerit to him sould have been first sold; lykeas the said Robert being personallie present, acceptit the said charge in and vpon him, and promist to doe ane honest duetie thairin, and instantlie receavet from Alex. Willox, lait ruler of the saids clokis and bells, the key of the barress and steple of the Grayfreir Kirk, quhilk opens also the doore of the clok, and the key that the Grayfreir Kirk doore, *Item*, the key of the kirk doore of Sanct Nicolas Kirk, with ane key for ye doores of the lauch and high tolbuith.—Vol. LIII[1]., pp. 42-43.

* See page 80.

before his successor's appointment. This has now been finally disposed of by the discovery, in the Kirk and Bridge Work Accounts, of the entry of his burial, "1658 Dec. 6, Edward Rabein at Wast dyk." This implies that on his death the printer's remains were treated with every respect; for the spot indicated, the west wall of St. Nicholas Churchyard, is the place of sepulture of many of the most honoured citizens of Aberdeen.

There is very scanty material from which to form an estimate of Raban's character. Thoroughly practical and plain spoken he certainly was, if we are to judge from his business-like address to the reader at the end of Browne's Calligraphia, * to which allusion has already been made. His reasons for fixing the price of the book at six shillings sterling are stated with courtesy and straightforwardness. The address on "faults" at the conclusion of Symson's Heptameron, † where the reader is requested "to auoyde partialitie, judge charitablie, and correct diligentlie," is both quaint and concise. His sense of humour is abundantly evidenced by the quaint conceits of his Almanacs. But further testimony of his eccentricity is afforded in the extraordinary title, "Laird of Letters," assumed by him on the imprint of Elizabeth Melvill's Godly Dream, ‡ respecting which Beloe observes, "perhaps no printer or publisher, before or since, has assumed so strange and singular a title as Mr. Raban, who scruples not to style himself 'Laird of Letters.'"

* See pages 6-7. † See page 4. ‡ See pages 76, 205.

One custom of the period during which Raban lived was the payment of a sum of money, termed drinksilver, on the completion of work, over and above the usual payment. There are several entries in the Burgh Accounts of money spent in this way. One states that Edward Raban and his servant received in drinksilver one pound six shillings and eight pence,* and at least once he received six shillings and eight pence to drink "at the setting of the press."† But nothing can be deduced from these entries to prove that Raban's was a dissolute life, for, in those days, the city purse was opened for such disbursements upon the slightest excuse, and no business of importance seems to have been transacted without a merry-making.

The restrictions exercised by Raban's patrons, the City and University, must have contributed to his difficulties in his declining years. The unhappy condition of Scotland at that time, when nearly every house was divided against itself, must have pressed hard on the printer, and rendered his course by no means a clear one. Archbishop Laud's decree on printing had been anticipated in the capital of the north-east of Scotland. By this decree, of his Star Chamber Courts, passed in July, 1637, Laud provided that no book or pamphlet should be printed in England without a license from him or the Bishop

* Discharge, 1641-2. Item to Eduard Rabin his servand, in drinksiluer 1 lib. 6s. 8d. Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 106.

† See page 74.

of London; or, if printed at Oxford or Cambridge, without a license from the Chancellors or Vice-Chancellors of those Universities. But it is possible that Laud received the hint from the Old Aberdeen University, for in 1634 that body had requested the king's assent to certain articles, one clause of which was, "that all printers and stationers within the said Diocies [Aberdeen] be subject to the jurisdiction off the said Universitie and be sworn thereto and accounted supposto thereoff." *

Whether Raban resigned, or was ejected from his office of printer to the Town and University, still remains unsolved. The City records are silent on the subject; no mention of his name is found in the registers after the minute relating to the appointment of his successor. His name occurs, however, in the Burgh Accounts for 1651-1652, where the expenditure is noted "of four marks, for the maill of ane staible in Rabin's closs, becaus the same is downe." We might conjecture from this that his long residence had caused the close or court where his printing office stood to be called by his name, but whether he continued to reside in the "closs" is not known. †

* Extract from "Instructions for Dr. Gordoun that he represent to the Kings most sacred Majestie theise articles from his Maj. Universitie in Old Aberdeen." Signed, "John Forbes D and professor of Divinitie and for the tyme Rector of the Universitie. Old Aberdeen, 31 July 1634."

The Instructions are in three parts:—I. Grievances; II. Priviledges; III. "Our humble supplication to his sacred Majestie upon the former motives."

III., § 12 runs:—"That all printers and stationers within the said Diocies [Aberdeen] be subject to the jurisdiction off the said Universitie and be sworn thereto and accounted supposto thereoff."

† In the Kirk and Bridge Work Accounts for 1679, Feby. 3rd., the funeral of "Janet Ailhous servant to Alex. Toasch," is recorded. This may have been Raban's second wife.

A printer of the same name, who worked in Grenoble, Orange, and Nîmes, has sometimes been mistaken by French bibliographers and others for Edward Raban, the first Aberdeen printer. The death of the latter in 1658 renders their identity impossible. The French Raban resided at Nîmes after that date, for some of his works printed there are dated 1660 and 1662. He then returned to Orange, where books were printed by him, dated 1674, 1676, 1678 and 1681.* These facts have only to be mentioned to prevent this question being again opened up. That any relationship existed between the naturalised Scotchman and his French namesake, we have not been able to establish.

Some remarks on the quality of Raban's printing may perhaps be looked for. His arrangement of title-pages is often very commendable, and the judicious use of woodcuts and ornamental borders delights the eye of the booklover. In other respects his work has all the unevenness and irregularity of second-rate printers of that period. His proofs must have often been very carelessly revised, as may be seen by the numerous errors in the pagination. Nothing larger than small quarto, of the size termed pot, is known as having been printed by him, if we except a few broad-sheets. With all their faults his books have been eagerly searched for by collectors; the extreme rarity of many of the works of popular literature printed by him being a recognised fact.

* Brunet. Manuel du Libraire. Supplément. Tome II., p. 361.

CHAPTER II.

JAMES BROWN.

SO very little is known of James Brown that it may be told almost in a single sentence. In the minutes of his appointment he is called the lawful son of William Browne, the Parish Minister of Innernochtie or Strathdon, in the Presbytery of Alford. Hew Scott says that William Brown removed from Glenbucket, and was admitted to the charge of Innernochtie, prior to the 24th of March, 1618, and was still incumbent on the 20th of November, 1633.* The precise terms of James Brown's appointment are as follows:—

9th Jany., 1650.

The said day the provost baillies and counsell Receavit and admittit James Browne Lawll sone fo Mr Wm Browne Minister at Innernochtie printer of this brugh in place of edvard Raban during the counsellis pleasr allenarlie And to the Lyk causualtie and benefite off the towne as the said edvard Raban haid the tyme bygaine. †

His work is inferior to Raban's in many respects. The greyness of the ink, and absence of good taste in the composition, have made his books far less desirable possessions than those of his predecessor. No book of the proportions of Raban's octavo Psalter, or Forbes's Funerals, has been discovered with Brown's imprint.

* Scott's Fasti, Vol. III,, Part II., p. 563.

† Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LIIIt., p. 255.

If we except his official work as printer to the Town and University, the remaining books that issued from his press are very few.

Brown held the office of printer to the Town and University until his death in 1661. We are again indebted to the Kirk and Bridge Work Accounts for the notice of his burial, which is thus recorded:—"1661, July 16, James Broune printer at the west dyke."

For a short time there appears to have been a locum tenens in the printing office. A small treatise by James Leslie, noticed at page 99, and at greater length at page 214 of this work, is the only evidence that can be brought forward to support this assertion. It has no printer's name on the titlepage. At the conclusion of the address to the reader, the author apologises for the youth and unskilfulness of the printer. This apology could never apply to Brown after having held office for eleven years. The initials F. U. are printed within a woodcut at the top of the first page of the text, and these may possibly be the first letters of the printer's name.

Chapter III.

John Forbes and John Forbes, Younger.

It may be clearly seen from several entries in the treasurer's accounts for the Burgh of Aberdeen, that the elder Forbes, who is often designated Stationer, was in Aberdeen prior to his appointment as Brown's successor. The earliest to which we can point is for 1656-1657, when a payment to Forbes is ordered of "the somme of fourscoir sexteine pund, which he advancit to Mr. Robert Patrie at Londone upon his ticket." Another mention of him in the Council Register has given rise to strange surmises. We allude to the act of council on the 29th of July, 1657, appointing "ane weekly diurnall to be sellit for the wse of the inhabitants, and John Forbes, stationer, to furnish the samen weekly." * Can this have been the earliest newspaper published in Aberdeen?

Brown does not appear to have carried on the business of stationer or bookseller conjointly with that of printer, as his predecessor Raban did during the latter part of his career in Aberdeen. None of the books printed by Brown state that they are to be sold at his shop in the Broad-gate, as in the case of so many of those bearing the names of his successors, the two Forbeses; and, the fact of the elder Forbes being in

* See pages 91-92.

business as a stationer so early as 1657, inclines one to think that he may have succeeded Raban in that capacity, when Brown was appointed printer. That Forbes and Brown had intromissions—one supplying the paper, and the other executing the printing—has been assumed in the case of the "Weekly Diurnalls." But if any doubt should exist of such an arrangement, it is dispelled by the very exactly-worded statement by the treasurer of the town of Aberdeen in his accounts for 1660-1661, where payment is ordered to be made to Brown for printing Paterson's and Menzies' Sermons,* to Forbes for paper, and to James Miller, bookbinder, for binding the same. †

When the office of printer became vacant by the death of James Brown, John Forbes, Stationer, and his son John Forbes, who, from the first, is styled printer, made application for the appointment. Their chief difficulty appears to have been in settling with Brown's widow, Agnes Rutherford. They complain in their petition to the council that they had purchased the printing material at a "dear rate"; and they ask for the same privileges as were held by the Town's printers in the past. The request was granted, and an order given for the repair of the printing house, "in the roof, walls, windows, or any other parts where needful."

* See pages 96-97.

† *1660-61. Treasurer's Accounts.*

Item to wmqll James Broun printer for printing of Mr Jon Paterson and Mr John Mengzes thir Sermons being one off the Solamnatie dayes 50 lb.

Item to John Forbes be precept for peaper to print Mr John Paterson and Mr John Meingzes their Sermons aforsaid 41 lbs. 14s. 6d.

Item to James Miller bookbinder for binding off Mr Jon Paterson and Mr John Meingzes Sermons afoersaid 44 lb. 2s.

23 Aprill 1662.

The Said day anent the Supplicatioun givin in to the counsell be John Forbes Stationer burgess of Aberdein and John Forbes printer his sone Shewing that qr according to the counsells order they haid altho at ane dear rate aggried wth agnes rutherforr relict of James broune printer for the tips & press belonging to hir and haid sufficient securitie therfor so that now they wer withall conveinent diligence to invest themselues with the said Imployment of printing And being considerd that ther ho^r wold not be wanting to bestow vpon them the courtesies and fauors that others befor of that Imployment haid within this brugh Thairfor Humbly desyring that the counsell wold emite and grant act of admission and their fauors for goeing about the said imployment With full power and libertie possess and Injoy the said printing hous with all priuileges and liberties belonging therevnto As also declair emitte ane Act in fauors of the supplicants that sieing they wer necessitat to buy at ane dear rate the old tipes and press from the said relict of the said James broune that any who suld succeid in the said imployment suld be lyable befor ther admissioun to the samen to buy and satisfie such tips and press as suld belong to them according to the worth yrof and that they wold declair that non suld have the libertie of printing within this bru^t. but the sd Jon and his said sone so long as they suld be able and qualifid for the sd service as in the supplicatione wes containt The Counsell Haueing hard seine and considderit the supplicatioun and haueing tackin the same to consideration They have given and grantit and does give and grant to the supplicant and his said sone the libertie and priuilege of printing within thir bru^t. wt all and sundrie dues and casualties they may aqr and gaine therby with the libertie and priuiledg of the printing hous and dwelling hous in the north syd of the castellgait of this bru^t. destinat and appointit be the toune of Abd. for that effect and that according as the same wes possest and Injoyit be the deceast James broune last printer So long as the said John and his sone sall sufficientlie serve and doe duetie in the sd imployment And also declairs and Inacts that dureing the said Jon and said sone ther abilitie to doe sufficient service that non other sall haue the priuiledg of printing within this bru^t or liberties of the samen And that at the said John or his sd sons deceass or at the entrie of ane other printer throw yr Inabilitie that the entrant printer sall haue no libertie or priuiledg of printing withing this bru^t. till frist he satisfie pay for sufficiently secure the said Jon Forbes and his sone for such tips press as they sall haue in the sd printing hous belonging to them according to the worth therof which sall be cognositt wpone by skilfull indifferent men within this bru^t. too to be chosin be each partie and further ordains the deane of gild to repair the said printing hous in the rooff walls windows or ony other parts yqr neidfull. *

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LIV., pp. 364-365.

One of the earliest books printed by Forbes after his appointment was the well-known and highly-prized "Cantus, Songs and Fancies." Of this remarkable book much has been already written, and, in what we add here, we shall confine our remarks to the personal interest Forbes had in the undertaking. We attribute the authorship and conception of the work to the elder Forbes, and consider that the only share his son had in it was as a partner in the printing business. Three editions of the "Cantus" appeared, viz., in 1662, 1666, and 1682; the last after the death of the author. When the book first appeared, the Town Council of Aberdeen rewarded Forbes with one hundred merks Scots, in acknowledgment of his dedication of the work to them. In the dedication prefixed to the edition of 1666, Forbes mentions that of 1662, which he calls his "first-born," and, in very inflated language, again offers his book to the rulers of his native city. He pays the Council the very singular compliment of forming a bench "of as many Musitians as Magistrats." The address appears worthy of preservation in a foot-note, on account of its quaintness. *

* *Dedication to Forbes's Cantus, 1666.*

UNTO THE RIGHT HONORABLE

GILBERT GRAY, Lord Provest.
ROBERT FORBES
ALEXANDER ALEXANDER } Bailies.
IOHN BURNET
THOMAS MITCHELL
WALTER ROBERTSON Dean of Gild,
ROBERT SKENE Treasurer,

And to the rest of the Honorable Counsel of the City of ABERDENE

RIGHT HONORABLE,

A few years ago, that I might approve my self no less an observant *Citizen*, than a provident *Parent*, being invited by the desires of some, allured by the kindness of others, and encouraged by the expectation and good hopes of the usefulness of the thing it self

When the "Cantus" was printed for the third time in 1682, certain verses were added. In the first two, Forbes addressses the Magistrates of Aberdeen as follows:—

Considering well, your *HONORS* hath
Much Zeal, and perfect Love
To Graces all, Who by much Faith,
Obtains all Things above:

to the *Place;* I did lay down my *First-born* as a fondling, at the feet of *Your Honorable Bench*, solemnly engaging, that as it received its being from *BON-ACCORD*, and its growth from *Your Goodness*, so it should period its stature with *Your Pleasure*. This *Promise* hath pressed me, that my *Press* might always bear the *Impress of Your Vertues;* and express (though in a smal type) my thankfulness, according to the laudable custom of *Votaries* in all *Ages*, after a few years growth, to represent the same to *Your Sanctuary*, that it may be *confirmed* in Your favor. For that I may confess ingenuously when I looked deliberatly on this my first *Mephibosheth*, I offered the same as an object of pity, being so mank and maim in its chiefest parts, like a pittiful *Embleme* of *Orpheus* teared by the *Thracian* women, its vigor seemed to wither, its tender hands to dry up, and whole body to vanish in a consumption; had I not called a *Tymous Counsel* of the most *Expert* in this *Place*, who diligently turning over their old *Records*, and rifling the labors of their *Ancestors*, unanimously and so chearfully did contribute all their pains, that now being fred of all the noxious humors that were preying on its vitals, its wants are made up, defects supplyed, its dryed hands received moisture, and strength diffused so thorow the whole limbs, that it dare show it self to the *Publick* on its own leggs, if *Your Wisdoms* command; yea, run to the *Schools* to warble the *Anthems* of *Your Liberality*. Seeing it is natural to children to lisp out first their Parents names, why should it be singular? If it did so when on the Nurse breasts, why not in the flower and prime of its youth? Though it be silent, it hath a voice, and could sing its own pedegrie, and the fruitfulness of its Mother Science; yea, with *Strabo*, *Pindarus*, *Plutarch*, *Aristotle*, and all Antiquity demonstrate, how much brutes, as well as men, are born obsequious subjects to this *Queen*, whose charming Melody was only able to enchant *Barbaritie*, civilize *Savages*, secure *Societies*, and so give matter to the significant *Apologues* of *Amphion*, *Linus*, *Orpheus*, and the building of the *Theban* walls, were it not the fear of being tedious, it would not be afraid to assert with *Divine Plato*, and his Followers, that the *Heavenly Soul* by which the *Univers* is animate, doth owe its *Origen* to this *Lady;* and narrate how much the great *Solon*, that *Sun* of *Greece*, bestowed on his Nephew, for teaching him one *Saphick Tune:* and how much pains the wise *Socrates*, though full of years, did greedily bestow upon the Lute; and how much that greatest Captain, and Magistrat of *Athens Themistocles*, after he had accomplished himself in all Vertue, and most of Arts, was dashed with the sharp *Sarcasme* of a fellow Magistrat: How can he keep men in Harmonie, and people in Concord, who hath not learned as yet to tune a *Citeron?* It were no difficultie to show how much the Ancients used this *Science*, as a remedy and amulet against all Fascinations: As the Harp of *David*, to alley the fury of *Saul;* and the greatest auxiliarie also in time of Battle, so that the famous *Stratonicus* did discern the courage of his Souldiers, by the musical and saliant motion of their Bodies; and therefore, bearing a *Citeron* in his *Ensigne*, did adde this motto, *Adversus male canentes Cythera;* as if none deserved Victory and Triumph but *Musicians*.

And now, seeing it hath pleased Providence in *Your Wisdoms Persons*, to bless the *Bench of BON-ACCORD* with such an Harmonious *Consort*, of as many *Musitians* as *Magistrats*, that all under *Your Magistracie* may descant on Your Labors, and Posteritie sing Your Praises to coming Ages: Admit this *Poor Present* to Your Acceptance; its *Breath* and *Being* depends on Your *Brow*, being willing to receive its Sentence from the same, whether it shal be smothered in the *Birth*, or view the Publick under *Your Patrocinie:* However, that the best Blessings and Out-bearing of the *ALMIGHTY*, may accompany *Your Wisdoms* in all Your Honorable Designs, Shall be the dayly Prayer of

YOUR HONORS
Own Servant,
John Forbes.

For Harmonie in *BON-ACCORD*,
Hath been this Place Intent;
Yea, Grace Divine, and Musick fine,
Your *PERSONS* still present.

The remaining verses eulogise the reigning monarch, King Charles II., "the Rod of Vice and Vertues Recompence!"

GOD SAVE KING CHARLES.

To SCOTLAND'S, ENGLAND'S, FRANCE and IRELAND'S KING:
Great EMPEROUR of EUROPE'S Greatest ISLES:
MONARCH of Hearts and Arts, and every Thing
Beneath *BOOTES*, many Thousand Myles:

Upon whose HEAD, Honor and Fortune smyles:
About whose Brows, clusters of Crowns do spring:
Whose Faith Him Champion of the *FAITH* En-styles:
Whose *WISDOM'S* Fame o're all the World doth Reign.

Long live KING CHARLES in all *MAGNIFICENCE*,
The Rod of *Vice*, and *VERTUES* Recompence.

The dedication in the third edition is entirely new. Not content with the flattery heaped upon the Town Council in the previous edition, the author launches out in praise of Aberdeen and its rulers in most unmeasured terms. He speaks of Aberdeen as "the Sanctuary of Sciences, the Manse of the Muses, and Nurserie of all Arts." In support of the fame of the city for Music, he calls to witness "the confluence of all sorts of persons, . . . who of design have come (much like that of the Queen of Sheba) to hear the sweet chearful Psalms, and heavenly melody of famous Bon-Accord." He repeats his compliment that there were "as many Musitians as Magistrats," and finally he prays "that Bon-Accord may resemble Heaven, in an Harmonious

Concord." One personal allusion made in this dedication we have been unable to interpret. The writer, referring to Aberdeen, says, "he owes his native birthright to this famous place, (since 1576)." The only suggestion we can make is, that 1576 may have been the date of his ancestors' settling in this city. Forbes again received from the Council a sum of money, one hundred pounds Scots, in acknowledgment of his dedication. *

* *Dedication to Forbes's Cantus, 1682.*

UNTO THE RIGHT HONORABLE

SIR GEORGE SKENE of FINTRAY, Lord Provest,
ALEXANDER ALEXANDER }
GILBERT MOLYSON }
WALTER ROBERTSON } Bailies.
ANDREW MITCHELL }
ALEXANDER WALKER, Dean of Gild,
ALEXANDER ANDERSON, Treasurer.

And to the Rest of the Honorable Counsell *of the* City *of ABERDEEN.*

RIGHT HONORABLE,

Your *HONORS* Servant, Having had the Good Opportunity some Years ago, at two severall Occasions, to present Your *Hs.* Worthy Predecessors with Patronage of this *Musick-Book*, of which two Impressions there are few extant: And he being again (of New) invited by the earnest Desires of some, yea, allured by the Kindness of others, and encouraged by the Expectation, and good Hopes of the Usefulness and Profitableness of the Book itself; not onely to this Famous *CITY*, but also to all Lovers of *Musick* within this *Nation*, hath (according to his very bound Duty) presented Your *Hs.* with the Patronage of this *Third Edition:* Especially, seeing it hath ever been the chief Honor, and singular Praise of this Famous *CITY*, to be the Sanctuary of *Sciences*, the Manse of the *Muses* and Nurserie of all *Arts:* So that under Your (and Your *Hs.* Worthie Predecessors) prudent Patrocinie, vigilant Care, and Fatherly Inspection, so little a Plate of Ground hath yeelded very many Plants of Renown, who have alwayes Flowrished as Trees of delight both in Church and State throughout all the Corners of GREAT-BRITAIN: Yea, whose Excellency hath ever been so eminent, that to have been born or bred in *ABERDEEN*, hath been a great Argument and Ground, to procure promotion for any, to Places of any Profession else where: Yea, the Fame of the *CITY* for its admirable Knowledge in this Divine *Science*, and many other fine Enduements, hath almost Overspread whole EUROPE: witness the great Confluence of all sorts of Persons from each Part of the same, who of design have come (much like that of the *Queen* of *Sheba*) to hear the sweet chearful *Psalms*, and Heavenly *Melody* of Famous *BON-ACCORD*, whose hearts have been ravished with the Harmonious *Concord* thereof: If then, the ALMIGHTY hath bestowed such a Grand Blessing upon the Same, sure the Heavenly and Divine Use will much more redound to our Eternall Comfort, if with our Voices we joyn our Hearts when we sing in His Holy Place.

Venerable *Bede* writeth, that no Science but *Musick* may enter into the Doores of the Church: And see how much the Royall *Psalmist*, Holy *King David* is taken up in singing Praises to his Creator, for you shall seldom meet Him, without an *Instrument* in his Hand, and a *Psalm* in his Mouth: having Dedicated Fifty-three Holy *Meeters* or *Psalms* to his Chief Musician *Iedutthum*, to compose *Musick* to them: Yea, he was one in whom the Spirit of God delighted to dwell, for no Evil Spirit will abide to tarry where *Musick* and *Harmony* are Lodged, as when *David* played before *Saul*, the Evil Spirit departed immediately. And *Luther* speaking of the Power of *Musick*, saith, *Scimus Musicam Dæmonibus etiam invisam & intolerabilem esse. We know that* Musick *is most Dreadfull and Intolerable to the Devils.* And *St. Augustine* sayeth,

Several questions present themselves for solution in connection with a statement made in the address which Forbes prefixed to the third edition of the Cantus. Speaking to lovers of music, he says, "I must confess, the work as to the Musick is not mine, but for Printing and Publishing hereof, I am still ready . . . to improve my Talent." It will be observed from the titlepages of the first and second editions that Thomas Davidson, master of the music-school, was to a certain extent the

that *Musick is the Gift of GOD, and a Representation or Admonition of the sweet Consent and Harmony which his Wisdom hath made in the Creation and Administration of the World*: And therefore its First and Chiefest Use is, for his Own blessed Service and Praise; And next, for the Solace of Men, which as it is agreeable unto Nature, so it is allowed by *GOD*, as a Temporall Blessing, to Recreate and Cheer men after long Study and weary Labour in their Vocations: As the Scripture sayeth, *Eccles.* 4. 20. *Wine and Musick rejoyceth the Heart.*

—— *Nam Musica mæstæ medicina Mentis.*

And we read of one who doth report, that he saw a *Lyon* in *London* leave his Meat, to hear *Musick*. Yea, may we not behold the Birds of the Ayre, those pretty winged *Choresters*, how at the approach of the day do they warble forth their Makers Praise? amongst which, observe the little *Lark*, who by a Natural Instinct doth very often mount up to the Sky, as high as her Wings will bear her, and there warbles out her Melody as long as her strength enableth her; and then descends to her Flock, who presently sends up another sweet singing *Chorister* to supply this Divine Service. If then these Irrationall Creatures, so naturally Love and are delighted with *Musick*, how much more should Rationall Man, who is endued with Knowledge and Understanding? The *Philosopher* sayes, not to be *Animal Musicum* is not to be *Animal Rationale*. And the *Italian* Proverb is, *GOD Loves not him, whom he hath not made to Love Musick.*

But were there not a fear of too much tediousness in this Discourse, It might be asserted with Divine *Plato* and his Followers, that the Heavenly *Soul* by which the *Vniverse* is Animate, doth owe its *Origin* to this *Lady*, and Narrated how much the great *Solon*, that *Sun* of *Greece*, bestowed on his *Nephew*, for teaching him one *Saphich-Tune*: And how much pains the wise *Socrates*, (though full of Years,) did greedily bestow upon the *Lute*. Yea, *History* tells us, that the Ancient *Brittains* of this *Island*, had *Musicians* before they had Books. *Alfred* a *Saxon King*, was well skilled in all manner of Learning, but in his knowledge of *Musick* took most delight. But to come nearer home, *K. Edward the sixth in England*, was a great Lover and Encourager of *Musick*: Yea, *Queen Elisabeth* was not onely a Lover of this *Divine Science*, but also a good proficient therein: And *K. Iames* of Blessed Memorie did extoll *Musick* so much, that he granted his Letters Patents to the *Musicians* in *London* for an Incorporation. And not onely did he love and esteem this *Divine Science* in others, but his own Excellency in the same (among other Royall Enduments worthie of so great a King) made him Famous and Admired in that Age, (and will do while Time shall endure) especially his dexterous Skill upon the Melodious *Harp*, wherein [and in all other Royall Vertues] he traced the Steps of that Sweet-Singer of *Israel*. To this purpose, I cannot pass the Elaborat Testimony of the Famous *Du-Barias*; who, when he hath deservedly Extolled those Holy Songs of *K. David*, and his Skill on the *Harp* maketh a Close thus, Englished by *Ioshua Sylvester*,

Gross Vulgar, hence; with hands profanely-vile,
So holy things presume not to defile,
Touch not these sacred stops, these silver strings:
This Kingly Harp is onely meet for Kings.
And so behold, towards the farther North,
Ah see, I see upon the Banks of FORTH

author of the book.* It has been thought probable that the "brief Introduction to Musick" was his share of the work, and that the selection of the songs and music was made by John Forbes the elder. If the address mentioned above was written by the latter, then our supposition is wrong. But this edition was not printed until after the death of John Forbes, stationer, and his son John Forbes, printer, may have

(Whose force-full stream runs smoothly serpenting)
A Valiant, Learned, and Religious King,
Whose sacred Art retuneth excellent
This rarely-sweet celestiall Instrument:
And *Davids* Truchman, rightly doth resound
(At the Worlds end) his eloquence renown'd.
Dumbartans Clyde stands still to hear his voice:
Stone-rowling *Tay* seems thereat to rejoyce:
The trembling *Cyclads*, in great *Lummond*-Lake,
After his sound their lusty gambols shake:
The (Trees-brood) Bar-geese, mid th' *Hebridian* wave,
Unto his Tune their far flown wings do wave:
And I my Self in my pyde *Pleid* a slop,
With Tune-skild foot after his Harp doth hop.

Nor was his late *Sacred Magestie*, and *Blessed Martyr*, *K. CHARLES the First*, behind any in the Promotion of this *Science:* of whose *Vertues* and *Pietie*, [by the Infinite Mercy of the Almighty GOD] this *Kingdom* now enjoyes a living Example in his *Gracious SON, Our Dread Sovereign*, K. CHARLES *the Second, By the Grace of GOD, KING of* GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE *and* IRELAND, *Defender of the Ancient and True Apostolick* FAITH, &c. Who hath brought all things to their *Ancient Order*, and put an end to all *Dismall Discords*, yea, string'd the Hearts of *Britain* with true *Loyaltie*.

And now, seeing it hath pleased *Divine Providence*, in the PERSONS of *Your Honorable Wisdoms*, to Bless the *Bench* of *Famous BON-ACCORD*, with such a Harmonious Heavenly *Consort*, of as many *Musicians* as *MAGISTRATS:* He hath therefore made bold to Present *Your Hs.* with this present *Edition*, solemnly Engageing, that as It received Its first *Origin* (under the *Patrocinie* of *Your Hs.* Worthie Predecessors) from BON-ACCORD, and Its present Growth from *Your Goodness*, so It should Period Its Stature with *Your Pleasure:* That so, *Your Hs.* Obedient Servant, who hath still made it His resolute Purpose, and constant Resolution, to sail all Winds, and scrue up the weak Parts which GOD and Nature hath bestowed upon Him: that so, at least, with the *Ephesian Bee*, He might Contribute His little Wax, and silly Bumb, to the Hyve of *Famous BON-ACCORDS Common-well*, seeing He owes His Native Birth-Right to this *Famous* Place, (since, 1576) which Obligation, doth greatly incite Him to serve *Your Hs.* (as *Your Own* most Obsequious Servant) all the days of His Lyfe. He shall not weary *Your Hs.* Patience, Admit then this poor *Present* to *Your Hs.* Favourable *Acceptance*, It's *Breath* and *Being* depends on *Your Brow*, to receive Its *Sentence* from the Same, whether It shall be smoothered in the *Birth*, or view the Publick under *Your Hs. Patrocinie:* However, that the best Blessings and Out-bearings of the ALMIGHTY may still Accompany *Your Wisdoms* in all *Your Honorable Designs* and *Enterprises;* And that BON-ACCORD may resemble Heaven, in an Harmonious *CONCORD*, Shall be the DAILY PRAYER of

YOUR HONORS

Most Obedient
and Faithfull Servant,
Iohn Forbes.

* See pages 101, 106.

added that address. This is rendered the more likely if we consider the manner in which it concludes; Forbes promises another publication of a similar kind, but, so far as we know, he failed to fulfil this intention.*

A considerable part of the income of the Aberdeen printers of that date came from the profit derived from the sale of their Almanacs or Prognostications. These Almanacs had become famous,† and were copied and re-issued by other printers in a most unscrupulous manner. A chapman named Alexander Gray brought one thousand of these Prognostications to Aberdeen. This caused such annoyance to Forbes that he complained to the magistrates. The Town Council passed

* *Address to the Reader, Forbes's Cantus, 1682.*

To all Ingenuous and true Lovers of Musick.

Courteous Reader,

The two former *Impressions* of this *Musick-Book*, finding so generall Acceptance, hath Encouraged Me, to adventure upon the Printing of this *Third Edition*: In which, I have not only made it my care, to amend some Defects, which were into the former *Impressions*, But indeed, to new Modell the whole, by adding a considerable number of excellent choise *Italian Songs*, and *English-Ayres*, all in three Parts, (*viz.*) two *Trebles* and a *Bass*, which were never Printed with the former *Impressions*, and that for the severall humours of all Persons, *Male* and *Female*, *Old* and *Young*: wherefore (I may truely say) this *Musick-Book* as it is now Published (for such sweet *Harmonious Songs*) hath never been Extant in this *Nation*. You have also herewith Printed, for the Encouragement of Young Beginners in *Vocall Musick*, the Print of the Hand, for teaching the *Gam* thereon, with the *Scale* of the *Gam*, and Parts thereof: As also, a full Exposition of the *Gam* and *Clieffs*, *Moods*, *Degrees*, *Concords*, and *Discords*, &c., and that into a plain and brief manner, for every ones Capacity. I must confess, the Work as to the *Musick* is not mine, but for Printing, and Publishing hereof, I am still ready and most willing in my Generation to improve my *Talent*, and *Parts*, (which the ALMIGHTY, of His Infinite Goodness hath been pleased to bestow upon Me,) both for the Good of this CITY and of My *Countrey*: Therefore, if these My *Labours* prove Pleasant and Delightfull, by *Your* favourable Acceptance, the same shall incite Me very shortly to Publish abroad, severall other *Musicall Songs* and *Ayres* of various Kynds, both *Catches*, and *Parts-Songs*, which are not readily to be found within this *Kingdom*, with a brief and plain Introduction to *Musick* conform to each severall Book, all very pleasant for every humour, yea, harmfull to None. And that all my painfull Labours may tend for this *City* and my *Countries* Good, shall be the hearty PRAYER and earnest DESYRE of

Your Servant

Iohn Forbes.

† "The Aberdeen Almanac was long the only work of the kind in Scotland; and as such, acquired a sort of proverbial celebrity. The pasaword of pious Mr. Thomas Turnbull, in the novel of Red Gauntlet, 'A plague on all Aberdeen Almanacs,' will readily occur to the reader."—*Book of Bon-Accord*, p. 12.

See Oliver & Boyd's Almanac, 1838, pp. 454-455, for a History of Scotch Almanacs.

an act, prohibiting the introduction of any little books or pamphlets, which Forbes could afford to sell at a fair value, and they censured Gray for his conduct.

30 October 1667. The said day, anent the supplicatione given in to the counsell be John Forbes, younger, printer in the said burgh, mentioning that wher ane great part of his calling and imployment was takine from him by merchands and chopmen, who brocht from the south pamphlets and litle books, which he could affoord at as easie ane rait as they did sell the samen, and particularlie that Alexander Gray, chopman, had latlie brocht home about ane thousand *prognostications* which he could have furnished at ane more easie rait; and seeing the saids books ware ane great part of his lyvliehood, and that he therby was disinabled to pay the merchands the paper he did buy wpon the accompt of his imployment for the creadit of the toune; therfor desyreing the counsell to be pleasit to consider the premisses, and to emitte ane act for restraineing the lyke in tyme comeing, and to impose such censure wpon the former contraveiners as they sould find expedient, seing ther predicessors had done the same before, and that it had been the laudable custome of this burgh in all tyme bygone to exempt ther printer from all taxationes and publict burdines relateing to his imployment, that they wold be pleasit to grant him the lyke favour, seing he was most willing to doe all service his predicessors had before done, as in the supplicatione was conteinit: The councell haveing hard and considerit the same, and being advyseit therwith, ordaines that no merchant or chopman, or other persone whatsumever within this burgh, sall bring hom or sell any pamphlets or litle books qlk the petitioner can affoord, he alwayes selling the same at ane ordinarie valow, and that under such penaltie and censure as the councell sall appoynt; and ordaines intimatione heirof to be made be the drume thorrow the toune; And as for the said Alexander Gray, ordaines him to be conveinit befor the magistratis and rebookit, and ordaineit to forbear the lyke in tyme comeing, with certificatione of greater censure; and anent the taxationes and publict impositiones, declares the petitioner free therof in all and everie thing his predicessors of his imployment war liberat of the same. *

Some years after the event we have just recorded a more serious difficulty befell the Aberdeen printers. Andrew Anderson, who had first exercised his craft as

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LV., p. 66-67.

a printer in Glasgow, and afterwards in Edinburgh, joined with the printers in the latter city to apply for a patent, to be taken out in his name, by which they were to be vested with the office of King's printer. Their application was successful, and in the year 1671 they obtained the patent. By virtue of this privilege, no printer in the kingdom was allowed to print any book, however small or unimportant, without first receiving permission from Anderson. Neither did these Edinburgh printers allow their patent to remain a dead-letter, for they prosecuted all the other Scotch printers for disregarding their rights and privileges. Forbes appears to have taken vigorous steps to resist this oppressive suit. On the 7th of February, 1622, the Edinburgh printers wrote a letter to the Magistrates of Aberdeen, in which they abandon the action against Forbes. They also dispense with their privilege, so far as Forbes or any other person licensed by the Magistrates, the Bishop, or the Clergy of Aberdeen, are concerned. The letter is engrossed in the Minutes of the Town Council, but without any further information about this curious transaction.

7th February, 1672.

Follows the letter from societie of printers in Edinburghe to the Toune of Aberdein direct to the Provest anent John Forbes printer in this Brughe.

My Lord Provest Ther hes bein ane misrepresentatione of ane gift grantit by his Majestie to me and my partners in qch I am allowed the priviledge of being printer for the kingdome insinuating that I haue ingroased all prenting and selling of books in my owne hands contrar to the libertie of prenters and booksellers if they hade any and to extorse the leidges with exorbitant pryces and to discharge Importing of books

for publict or privat vse all which is false and ane lie for ther wes never such thing intendit by me or my partners against any man who hes served to the art of printing or to any bookseller they behaveing themselues regularlie to the laws of the kingdome and being frie of all impeachmente vpon his majesties honor or prerogatives Therfor my lord witt ye me to dispens with my brother John Forbes notwithstanding of that gift to print all the coppies that sall occur or come to his hands from your lo^p^ or any other particular persone within or without the Citie of Aberdein being licentiatt by your lo^p^ My Lord Bishope or inferior clergie excepting such books as I haue prented besyde me or efter intimatione such as I am to print all these premiss are condiscendit vpon by your printer and me with consent of my partners and for mor verefication of my consent yrunto lett thir presents be insert in your Touns books therin to stand ad futuram rei memoriam Without doubt it hes coast your printer much expenss in attending this bussines But two lyns from your lo^p^ might haue saufit his travell which hes been so plyed by him that no rest could be allowed to me or my partners till we hade fullie aggried And this wes without prejudice to the priviledges of the Citie colladges or printer of Aberdein I owe and desyre to be craved debtor to your lo^p^ and Toune of Aberdein for my service and respects I am my Lord your must humble servant Sic subscribitur Andro Andersone Dauid French James Glen Thomas Brown George Swintoun. *

During the whole of the period, from the appointment of Forbes as printer until the year 1674, it has been impossible to dissociate the events in the life of the father from those in that of his son. A line of demarcation at the year 1667 has been drawn in the bibliographical portion of this book, separating the books printed by the elder Forbes and his son, from those bearing the name of the latter alone. But we do not think that the father ceased to be a partner in the business until very shortly before his death. It must be remembered that it was, properly speaking, the son who was the printer; his father retaining his old designation of Stationer until the last.

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LV., pp. 362-363.

On the 10th of June, 1674, John Forbes, printer, laid a petition before the Town Council, asking their assistance in a financial difficulty with his father. The minute is of the greatest interest and importance, as showing the salary paid by the Colleges to the printers at that time. Forbes states it to be "about threescoir punds . . . yeirlie." The Council, after consideration, granted the printer's request, and accepted the proferred security of types, presses, and salary from the Colleges.

10 June 1674.

The said day anent the petitione given in to the councell Be John Forbes printer Showing that where he wes resting to John Forbes his father about Sevin hundreth merkes mo^{s}. for which he wes distrest with captione and that his father wes resting to the Thesaurie of this brughe about the lyke somme for prin^{ll}. and @ rents at whitsonday last for which ther wes securitie of ane foirland in the Shipraw belonging to him Therfor desyring the Councell that they wold be pleised to liberat his father of the somme and repone him to his right of his said Land in the Shipraw and that they wold accept the petitioner his band for the said somme payable be sevaral proportiones at two hundreth merkes at whitsonday yearlie beginning the first termses payment at whitsonday nixt to come And for ther securitie theranent The petitioner and Margaret Cuthbert his spous should assigne the thesaurer of the said brughe for ther vse to all his printing typs and presses in the printing hous and to ane contract betuixt the masters and members of both colledges and him for about Threescoire punds money payable be them to him yeirlie as printer Ay and while the said somme suld be payit As in his petitione wes conteinit The Provest Baillies and Councell aforsaid haveing hard and considderit the said petitione They grant the petitioners desyre above mentioned and ordaines the thesaurer with advyce and assistance of the magistrats to accept from the sd petitioner and his said spous Band for the somme of fyve hundreth and fourtie punds which they find is the somme resting be the petitioners father at whitsonday last for prin^{ll}. and @ rents bearing @ rents and failzie from the said terme payable be proportions of tuo hundreth merks at whitsonday yearlie Ay and whill the same wer payit beginning the first termes payment at whitsonday next And to get assignatione and dispositione for securitie therof to the saids typs and presses and deliverie yrof under Instrument As also to get assignatione to the

foresaid contracts with forsds Colledges And to caus Intimat the same And upon recept of the foresaid band and Right to dispone to the said John Forbes father to the said petitioner his said Land in the shipraw And to grant the same laufullie redeemit be payment of the somms resting be him to the toune And to deliver up to his band and dispositione with seasine theron (if any be) with any other writes they have therupon Anent all which premiss thir pnttis to be Warrand. *

The elder Forbes had a son named Alexander, who entered the church, and of whom mention has been made in another place. † The following interesting particulars regarding Alexander Forbes and his descendants have been gleaned for us by Arthur D. Morice, Esq., Advocate in Aberdeen, from Scot's Fasti, Maidment's Catalogue of Scottish Writers, and Johnston's Memoir of James Young and Rachel Cruickshank. The last quotation is valuable, as it gives information about descendants in direct line from John Forbes, Stationer, the last of whom died as lately as 1857.

PRESBYTERY OF ALFORD.

Parish of Kearn (now annexed to Auchindoir).

1678. Alexander Forbes, son of John F., merchant and stationer in Aberdeen, descended from the ancient family of Pitsligo; passed trials before the Presbytery, was recommended 19 Dec., 1677, for ordination, and inst. 13 Jany., after trans. to Fintray, Abdn., after 23rd March, 1681. He died there 14 March, 1693, in 16th ministry; having marr^{d}. in Jany., 1678, Jean, daugh. of Capt. James Forbes, Greenlands; she died in Summer 1740, and had issue William, James, and Anna, who marr^{d}. William Forbes, afterwards of Badiefurrow.—[Presb. Reg. Maidment's *Catalogue of Scottish Writers.*] H. Scot's Fasti, Part 6, p. 549.

PRESBYTERY OF ABERDEEN.

Parish of Fintray.

1682. Alexander Forbes, trans. from Kearn, adm. prior to 15th Aug^{t}., died in 1691 in 3^{d} min., "a young man most expert in mathematics." Publication "De Rota Arithmetica."—[Presb. Reg. MS. Acc^{t}. of Min., 1689. Maidment's *Catalogue of Scottish Writers.*] *Ibid.*, Part 6, p. 502.

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LV., p. 576. † See page 152.

Account of the Learned Men and Writers in Aberdeen.

Mr. Alexander Forbess, of the noble Family of Pitsligo, born in Abdn., a young man and Expertissimus in Mathematicks, and dyed Minister of the gospell at Fintray, near the River Don.—This is copied from one of Wodrow's MSS. in the Advocates' Library, and printed in Maidment's *Catalogue of Scottish Writers*, Edinburgh, T. Stevenson, 1833, p. 118.

Mr. Alexander Forbes, Son to John Forbes, a merchant and Stationer in Aberdeen, wrote a little tract, De Rota Arithmetica, dedicate to the Valiant Prince James, Duke of Buccleugh and Monmouth.—*Ibid.*, p. 124.

Maidment says the above quoted Catalogue of the Aberdeen Writers was "not unlikely procured from Sir Robt. Sibbald," and that it is in the handwriting of Wodrow, and "inaccurately transcribed." The Compiler apparently thought there were two Alex. Forbes's.

Wm. Forbes of Badiefurrow, who married Anna, d. of the Rev. Alexander Forbes, had an only daughter Jean, who married William Johnston, Pewterer in Abdn., and Convener of the Incorporated Trades, one of the Craig branch of the Caskieben Johnstons.

Wm. Johnston and Jean Forbes had a son, James Johnston of Badiefurrow, who sold that place (now called Manar). He had three daughters, who lived and died unmarried at Calsayseat, at the end of George St.—Split the Winds.—See Mr. Alexander Johnston's *James Young and Rachel Cruickshank*, Appendix, p. lxi., Note z.

On the 2nd of December, 1675, the Kirk and Bridge Work Accounts contain the record of the burial of "John Forbes, Stationer, in the kirkyard." His son, the printer, appears to have been a shifty man, and ready to work for all parties who could remunerate him. But he felt the weight of a magisterial censure in the spring of the year 1676, having undertaken to print a book for the Quakers, who, at that unhappy period, were the objects of very severe disabilities. One, Gilbert Black, a baillie of the city, in his zeal for orthodoxy, went to the printing house and seized a portion of the book. The Council not only approved of this act, but

in addition they recommended that one of their number should acquaint the bishop with what had happened. We do not know if the matter went any further, but we fully believe that the Quakers' book was in due time printed and circulated.*

One more instance is on record of the printer having been rebuked by the Aberdeen Magistrates and Council. In the year 1683 he printed a pamphlet which gave offence to some members of the medical faculty in the burgh. A complaint was lodged, and the printer was called to appear before the Magistrates, and rebuked for the offence of having printed the treatise without any authority. They warned him not to print any book or pamphlet in future without first receiving the Council's permission, which would be granted if, after due examination, the work was approved of.†

The difficulties in dealing with the piratical printers do not appear to have been overcome. Every year added to the loss and disappointment of Forbes, who saw his Almanacs, the most profitable source of his income, copied and reprinted with most bare-faced impudence. The great numbers of these Prognostications printed by Forbes must have tempted the less favoured brethren of his profession. It is said that he generally sold 50,000 copies annually of his Almanacs, at the price of a *plack*, or one-third of an English penny, for each copy.‡ Agnes Campbell, the king's printer in Edinburgh, and Robert Saunders, printer

* See page 122. † See page 134. ‡ Fountainhall's Dec., Vol. I., p. 273.

in Glasgow, infringed Forbes's copyright, and affixed their names to the Prognostications published by them. This gave Forbes an opportunity of prosecuting his opponents, and early in 1684 he complained to the lords of the privy council. The suit was successful, and the offending parties were warned to respect Forbes's privileges in the future.

"Edinburgh, 28th of February, 1684.—The Lords of his Majesty's right honourable Privy Council having considered the lybel and complaint persued by John Forbes, printer in Aberdeen, against Agnes Campbell, his Majesty's printer, and Patrick Tailzie, now her spouse, for his interest; and Robert Sanders, printer in Glasgow; for an injury done him in reprinting the Almanack in Aberdeen, printed by him; and the said Robert Sanders, not only reprinting thereof, but counterfeiting and affixing the Arms of Aberdeen thereto; with the Defender's answer to the complaint, and Report of a Committee of their number, to whom the consideration of that affair was remitted; Do find that the said John Forbes hath been in use and possession of printing yearly an Almanack, as printer to the town and university of Aberdeen: and, therefore, allows and authorises him to continue to print the said Aberdeen Almanack, as he hath formerly been in use to do: and discharges the said Agnes Campbell, Robert Sanders, or any other printers in this kingdom, to reprint the same, at any time, or to affix the Town of Aberdeen's Arms thereto, in all time coming, as they will be answerable. Extracted by me

"*Sic. Sub.* WILL. PATERSON, *Cls. Sti. Consilii.*" *

That any error should be found in his Prognostications, touched Forbes in one of his tenderest points. The errors were doubtless many and great if we are to judge from instances that have come under our observation. In the year 1683, James Paterson, "Mathematician," in an Almanac printed at Edinburgh, fell foul of Forbes, and abused him and his Aberdeen Almanacs in a rhyme, which is sufficiently amusing to warrant its preservation.

* Fountainhall's Dec., Vol. I., p. 273.

From *Aberdene* there came these two last years
Some Almanacks, or rather *Jock* the Liers;
Whose Author doth no lesse to gain renown,
But carpeth still against our ancient Town:
Saying we counterfeit his Almanack,
Whose value truly is not worth a plack:
Because each year his errors doth increase,
Whereas he ought each year to make them lesse.
He names not those who doth such practice use,
But for one's fault a City will abuse:
Therefore I blame him who doth Art disgrace,
Not knowing where he doth his errors place.
The typs of his Eclipse each year before
Three digits was, I never saw it more,
Except this year, he says that we shall see
The Sun eclipsed after he set shall be.
The Sun doth set ten minuts before four
At *Aberdene*, which is near half an hour
Before his Eclipse fall at *Aberdene*,
A Prodigie, the like was never seen!
I think his ten digits he may well call
Total, because I'm sure it will not fall
At such a time as he to us doth name,
Therefore I think he therin may think shame:
When as it shall be seen two hours before,
I do not erre, although I had said more:
When his begins, by right it should near end,
Therefore you may by mine his errors mend.
More of his errors I yet will to you show,
So that the vulgar may it clearly know:
The first quarter in *August* this last year,
On Saturday he did make to appear,
Whereas on Wednesday the Change did fall before,
Making that Quarter four dayes, little more:
By which account the Moon comes soon to age,
Or else in haste hath run in a great rage.
When she upholds such men who think no shame
To publish errors in their Countrey's name;
Being a Kingdom wherein she hath most might,
Under the Sign wherein she takes delight.
Also he errs again in his Tide Table
At *Leith*, as if the Moon were not so able
To rule the Tides here, as at *Aberdene:*
Likewise he errs this year for Hallow-even,

Saying it falls upon the Munday night,
When Hallow-day on Thursday falls by right,
Then Hallow-even should on the Wednesday fall,
He errs in this, he errs almost in all
His Almanacks: by mine his errors mend,
I say no more, I think it time to end.

Forbes did not quietly submit to such abuse, but in very indignant language replied to Paterson. His defence, which is found at the conclusion of the "Mariner's Everlasting Almanack," is a most curious mixture of angry invective and scorn for his enemy. It is interesting also on account of the complaints against Campbell and Saunders, who were soon to receive a censure from the privy council.

For without any just ground, or provocation given, James Paterson did most ignorantly Rhyme against me, into his Almanack for the year 1683, and likewise into his Almanack for the year 1684: making a great noise, concerning the mistake of two dayes for Hallow-Even, altho Hallow-Day was exactly right, both for the day of the Week, and day of the Moneth; for all the World knoweth Hallow Even to fall upon the night before Hallow-Day. But his Errors are more gross, making the Flood of Noah in his Chronologie, in all his Almanacks three hundred years short: A very beastly Error, besides other gross Errors, which I forbear at this occasion any more to mention. . . . Truly I am heartily sorry that both Mathematician and Printers are so evil Principled in the Grounds of Christianity . . . and for my own part, I do declare it to the whole World, I hate such unrighteous and base Practises. For Agnes Campbel Spouse to Patrick Telfer, hath caused Counterfit and Re-print my Almanacks into her printing-house these severall years bygone, sometimes Entituling them by *Aberdeens Almanack*, and other times, according to *Forbesses Almanack*, besides she hath for the ensuing year 1684, caused Print an Almanack as it were set fourth at Aberdeen, and Printed in Aberdeen, which is a most notorious untrueth: impudently affixing thereto, some Lynes in the End, of Dogrell Rhyme, whereby she would have me to patronise her base Execrations; as tho I, (contrary to Christianity and the good Conduct of Nature,) should wish any man for any cause to hang himself . . .

And as for Robert Sanders, Printer in Glasgow, he hath not onely inserted a notorious Untrueth into all his Almanacks these diverse years bygone, (saying set forth at Aberdeen, as if the Famous Colledge of Glasgow had not so much Mathematicks as to set forth ane yearly Almanack, which in him was no great Act of Prudence,) but also, contrare to the Good and Iust Lawes of this Ancient Kingdom, he hath caused Counterfit the City of Aberdeen's Armes, and affixed them upon his most Erronious, and Uncorrected Almanack, for the year 1684: whereof I am ashamed to speak, that such an Almanack should be published in this Kingdom; as may be seen into the Termly Quarters and Aspects, &c., tending much to the Discredit of the Famous City of Glasgow: not deserving to be called their Printer, *Consideratis, Considerandis.* *

In the Poll Book for Aberdeen, made up in 1696, the printer and his family are entered as follows:—

John Forbes Printer Stock under 5000 Merks for himselfe and wife Margrat Marjorie Jean and John his children a servant Bathia Downie 16 merks yeirly - - - - - - - - - - £4 17 4†

A passing glimpse of Forbes and of old customs is given us in an entry in Marischal College Accounts for the year November, 1698, to November, 1699. The practice of giving drinkmoney to the workmen has been already touched on, but here we have the College authorities providing some kind of entertainment to Forbes and themselves at the transaction of a little bit of business.

"Item spent with John Forbes printer when wee gave in our Supplicatione to the press - - - - -	0	6	0
Item to Peter Thomson, bookbinder for cutting ym. being 3 quares - - - - - - - - - -	0	6	0
Item to John Forbes printer for printing them conform to his Acco^t. - - - - - - - - - -	5	4	0
Item drinkmoney to his man - - - - - - -	0	7	0"‡

* Forbes's Mariner's Everlasting Almanack, 1683. [1685.]

† List of Pollable Persons within the Shire of Aberdeen, 1696. 2 vols. Aberdeen, 1844. 4o. Vol. II., p. 622.

‡ The only other entry in the Marischal College Records relating to printing, so far as we have been able to discover, is the following, taken from the Accounts for the year October, 1697, to October, 1698:—
"Item to John Forbes printer for printing the petition to the burrows 4 19 0"
See page 230 of this work.

In bringing this notice of Forbes's life to a close, it may be interesting to mention, that the Kirk and Bridge Work Accounts contain several entries that relate to his family. It will be observed that the burials noted below all refer, without doubt, to the children of the younger Forbes, except the earliest, in which the parent is styled stationer, which designation we have seen was generally given to his father.

1668, April 5, Johne forbes stationer his child.
1672, March 31, John Forbes printer ane child in churchyard.
1677, Augt. 24, John Forbes printer ane child. k.y^{d}.
1678, Sept. 17, John Forbes printer ane chyld under arme.

Forbes's own death occurred in 1704, previous to the printing of a Thesis which was to be disputed on the 14th of December. In the imprint of that book he is called "the late John Forbes." * He was survived by his widow, Margaret Cuthbord, and a daughter named Margaret, the former of whom succeeded him as printer. Her admission to the office took place on the 7th of February, 1705. The Council Register narrates that "the said day Margaret Cuthboord relict of the deceased John Forbes printer wes admitted to succeed her husband in the said office as on her bill and conform to the contract with her deceased husband." †

It will be seen in the next chapter that this arrangement did not hold good for a very long period.

* See page 154.

† Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LVIII., p. 3.

CHAPTER IV.

JAMES NICOL.

WE have reached a most uninteresting and uneventful period in the history of Aberdeen printing. From the death of John Forbes the younger, to the year 1711, the labours of the press appear to have been confined to the official publications connected with the Town and University. No book of general interest, except the "Bourignonism Displayed,"* was printed in Aberdeen, so far as we can ascertain, during the six years prior to Nicol's appointment. The quality of the work had declined, and we regret to say that no improvement was apparent during Nicol's tenure of office.

Nicol, prior to the year 1710, had married Margaret Forbes, the daughter of the former printer. On the 6th of December, 1710, Forbes's widow petitioned the Town Council to admit her daughter and Nicol, her son-in-law, as successors to her in the printing business. The minute of Council commences with a very long preamble containing the petition, and concludes as follows :—

The saids provost baillies and counsell haveing heard seen and considered the sd. petition and being at length rypely and weell advised therewith They gave and granted and hereby gives and grants to the sds. petitioners the liberty and priviledge of printing within this burgh with

* See page 158.

all other immunitys and priviledges conteint in the above narrated act of counsell conform thereto in all poynts and that dureing the saids petitioners ther good service and serveing the leidges with good typs and paper and with sufficient servants as also they granted to the saids petitioners the priviledge of the said printing and dwelling hous in the north syde of the Castlegate of this burgh maill free destinat and appoynted be the town of Abdn. for yt. effect. *

There is only one incident which we have been able to recover in the career of Nicol as printer. The rebellion of 1715 found Aberdeen with a Magistracy true to the reigning monarch. But by a blunder on the part of the executive, the town was left defenceless. On the 28th September it was taken possession of by the Earl Marischal, who proclaimed the Pretender. The Hanoverian Magistrates left the appointment of their successors entirely in the hands of the Jacobite faction, who, on the same day as the Earl Marischal arrived, elected a Council of their way of thinking. This Magistracy was devoted to the Stuart family, and did what was in its power to assist in recovering for them the crown they had lost. The head-quarters of the army, which was to contend with the forces of the House of Hanover, was stationed at Perth. The Earl of Mar, the Commander-in-chief, felt the want of a press to print proclamations, and sent a requisition for one to the loyal Aberdeen Magistrates. The Council, recognising the fact that the press and types belonged to Nicol, gave orders to the treasurer to grant an obligation to the printer for the return of his property in as good order as when it was sent. They also made

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LVIII., pp. 215-216.

provision for horses and carriages to transport the press and types to Perth, and were not unmindful of proper packing cases. The minute is signed by Provost Patrick Bannerman, a staunch adherent of the House of Stuart.

20 October 1715.

The said day, the provost produced ane order subscryved be the Earle of Marr, commander-in-chiefe of his Majesties forces in Scotland, daited at Perth the fourteenth of October instant, directed to the magistrats of Aberdeen, ordering them furthwith to deliver to Robert Drummond, servant to Mr Robert Freebairne, the best printing press, with such typs, utensills, and other materialls as Mr Drummond should choise and find necessary, and to see them païked up in good order, and to provyde horsses and proper carriages for transporting them to Perth, or where the army should be at the tyme; after reading of which order, the provost held out that seeing the said press, typs, and other utensills, did not belong to the town, but to James Nicoll, printer, it wes just and reasoneable that he should be secured for redelivery thereof, or the value of the same, and that the thesaurer should advance what money is requisit for makeing boxes and others for holding the same, and for transporting all to Perth, which being considered be the counsell they approved of sending of the said press, typs, and utensills thereof to Perth, or where the army shall be, and appoynts the thesaurer to grant ane oblidgement to the said James Nicoll for returneing the forsaid press, typs, and utensills to him in alse good condition as they wer receaved, and makeing up any deterioration thereof, or paying him the value of the same; as also appoynts the thesaurer to pay what charges shall be debursed for makeing boxes and other carriages for transporting the said press to Perth, or where the army shall be, and for men and horss hyre, and expenses in carrying the same there; and the saids expenses to be allowed to the thesaurer in the first end of the accompts; and the counsell will consider, when the printing press is returned, what loss the said James Nicoll sustains throw the want thereof. Pat. Bannerman, provost. *

No immediate steps appear to have been taken to carry out the wishes of the Earl of Mar. Indeed, we are doubtful if Nicol's press ever left Aberdeen. The next notice of this matter we can find is the resolution

* Aberdeen Council Register Vol. LVIII., pp. 426-427.

of the Town Council at a meeting held on the 4th of November. On that day they order the treasurer to borrow a sum of money from the master of Kirk and Bridge Works to defray the expenses of sending the press, and also to pay for three hundred Lochaber axes which the Town had been requested to furnish.

4 November 1715.

The said day, the counsell takeing to ther consideration that the Right Honorable the Earle of Marr, commander-in-cheife of his Majesties forces in Scotland, had ordered the town to make three hundered Lochabar axes for the use of his Majesties forces, and to send the same to the camp at Perth, or where the army shall be for the tyme; and that the said Earle of Marr had ordered the towne to send one of the printing presses to the said camp: therfor the magistrats and counsell appoynted James Gelly, thesaurer, to borrow the sowme of
from Thomas Shand, master of kirk and bridges works of Aberdeen, for paying the saids Lochabar axes, and defraying the expenses in transporting the same and the said printing press to Perth, or where the army shall be for the tyme. Pat. Bannerman, provost. *

No later mention of Nicol's press occurs in the minutes of the Town Council until the time of his retirement in 1736. A passing glimpse of him is to be found in an act, dated the 21st of April, 1732, in which the master of Kirk Work is ordered to build a desk for Nicol, "in the north side of the new church, without the pillars, betwixt the two pillars on the west side of the pulpit." The rent to be paid for the pew is fixed at three pounds Scots money. †

Nicol appears to have voluntarily retired from the printing business. The reasons for his doing so are unknown to us. In the deed of demission he states

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LVIII., pp. 436-437

† Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LX., p. 268.

that it was for "onerous causes, good respects, and considerations." It will be seen that he still occupied the printing house, and enjoyed the same privileges as his predecessors in office. The Council, at their meeting on the 6th of May, 1736, received Nicol's resignation, an abbreviated copy of which is subjoined.

6, May 1736.

The said Day there was presented to the Council a Dimission and Renunciation from James Nicol Printer to the Town, of his office of being Printer to the Toun and University of Aberdeen, Which being read in Council they accepted thereof, and declared his said office vaccant, and appointed his Dimission to be Recorded in the Council book, Whereof the tenor follows. Be it knowen to all men by thir presents Me James Nicol Printer to the town and University of Aberdeen ffor certain onerous causes good respects and considerations moveing me, To have Resigned and Demitted, Likeas I hereby for me my heirs and assigneys, Resign and Demitt, all right and title which I have or can pretend to have to the said office of Printer, either be vertue of Acts of Town Council in my favours, or any other manner of way whatsomever, As also I hereby for me and my forsaids, Renounce, Discharge and overgive all right and title I have to the possession of the Printing house, In virtue of the saids Acts or other ways, And that to and in favour of the Provost Baillies and Council of Aberdeen and their successors in office, with full power to them, To Elect, nominate and Choose any person they think proper to succeed me in the forsaid office of Printer, from and after the term of Whitsunday next, and to grant Acts and Presentations in their favours, and with power to such a person to be elected by them To enter to the possession of the said printing house at the said term, and to bruik and enjoy the same as fully and freely in all respects after the said term of Whitsunday next, as I might have done myself before granting hereof, but any deed of wrong whatsomever, and I oblige me to warrand this present Demission and Renounciation to be good valid & effectual at all hands and against all deadly, Consenting to the registration hereof in the books of Council and Session or others competent, Therein to remain for preservation, And if need be, that all execution necessary may pass hereon in form as effeers, . . . *

* Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LX., p. 427.

The remainder of Nicol's life is a blank to us. No particulars can be gleaned of his career after his retirement. In the Treasurer's Accounts of the burgh for the years 1735-36, there is an entry which relates to Nicol, but with that exception our knowledge is at fault. *

In bringing this short history to a conclusion, it appears fitting to give a few particulars about the successor of Nicol. The same day on which the latter resigned, James Chalmers, the son of James Chalmers, Professor of Divinity in Marischal College, Aberdeen, made application to the Council to be appointed printer to the town. Chalmers states in his petition that he served his apprenticeship to James Nicol, and that he afterwards went to London, where he stayed a considerable time. † The request was granted, and with this began a new and a better race of printers, whose descendants are still in our midst. About the same time, for the precise date cannot be ascertained, Chalmers forwarded a petition to the authorities of Marischal College, begging them to continue their patronage to him which had been enjoyed by former printers. The document is interesting, and needs no apology.

Unto the Honoured George Skene of Skene Esquire, Rector of the Marishall College and University of Aberdeen, and to the Dean of Faculty and Assessors of the Rectoral Court

* *1735-36.*

Item paid to James Nicol late Printer for some timber work that had been put up by him in the Printer's house as per appretiation and warrand £31.

† Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LX., p. 428.

thereof, And unto the Very Reverend Master John Osborn Principal of the said University, and the Professors, Masters and remanent Members of the same.

The Petition of James Chalmers, Printer in Aberdeen

Humbly Sheweth

That, by a Contract or Agreement past betwixt your Predecessors and the deceas'd John Forbes Printer to your University my Predecessor, there was a yearly Sallary of the sum of Twenty pound scots money appointed to him as your Printer, which was collected yearly from the students and punctually paid to him, And by the said agreement he obliged himself to print the publick Theses of Your University at the Rate of Ten Merks scots for each sheet, the students furnishing him with the paper. That as now I have succeeded him and his Heirs in the said office as your Printer, As the Encouraging men of my Profession tends greatly to the advancement of Learning, And as you and your Predecessors were always remarkable that way, So it is humbly hoped you will continue with me the same Sallary and Encouragement which you gave to the said John Forbes, And I shall endeavour always to serve you as faithfully and sufficiently as him or any other of my Predecessors.

May you therefore be pleased to consider the premises, and grant the Desire of this my Petition, by allowing me the same Sallary of Twenty pound scots yearly to be collected from the Students as formerly, and paid in yearly to the Regent who teaches the Magistrand Class or to the Procurator along with the Chamber Rents, as you shall think most fitt, that I may receive the same from them, And I hereby oblige myself to print all your publick Theses at the rate of Ten Merks scots for each sheet, you or the Students always furnishing me with paper. As also to print gratis all your Advertisements and other publick Papers which anyway concern your University, You likeways furnishing me with paper, and providing the same do not exceed one sheet.

JA. CHALMERS. *

We must now bring this account of the Aberdeen printers to a close, deeply sensible of its imperfections. It has always been a cause of regret to us, that this work was not undertaken by abler hands, and at an earlier date. Valuable material has been lost, and

* From the original preserved in the Charter Chest of Marischal College, Aberdeen.

traditions have died out, which might have vastly added to the interest of the book. If Dr. Joseph Robertson had carried out his intention of writing some such book as this, Aberdeen would have possessed a history of its printers and their works, replete with interest, and more worthy of the subject than this poor effort.

THE

ABERDEEN PRINTERS

Edward Raban to James Nicol

1620—1736

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Extract from Prefatory Note to the third part of
"THE ABERDEEN PRINTERS."

"In order to facilitate reference in the meantime, and if possible to induce owners or custodians of large collections to communicate information, I have printed a separate hand-list of *desiderata.* None of the works mentioned in that list have been examined by me, and in some cases their existence is doubtful.

A copy of the list will be sent to any address on application; and information, or the loan of books mentioned in it, will be gratefully welcomed."

J. P. EDMOND.

64, BON-ACCORD STREET,
ABERDEEN.

Hand-List of Desiderata,

ARRANGED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, UNDER THE VARIOUS PRINTERS.

EDWARD RABAN.

1620 Symson (Arch.), Christes Testament. *Edinburgh.*
1621 Baron (Robert), Positiones. *St. Andrews.*
1622 Dunbar (William), Merrie Historie of the Thrie Friers of Berwicke.
1623 New Prognostication.
Spencer (John), Grammaticale Bellum Nominis, &c.
1624 Gabriel Friends Prognostication.
Edict for the Professour of Mathematicques. [Aberdeen Council Register.]
1625 Prognostication.
Psalmes in Meeter, with Tunes.
1626 Prognostication.
Cargill (William), Some Poesie. [Miscellany of Spalding Club, V., p. 102.]
Forbes (Alex.), Ane Poesie. [Ibid.]
Gardyne (Alex.), A Pamphlet. [Ibid., V., p. 101.]
Lundie (J.), Theses Logicæ.
1627 Lundie (J.), Theses Logicæ.
1628 Calvin (John), Calvin's Catechisme.
Sibbald (J.), Theses Theologicæ.
1629 Psalmes in Metre. 4°. A—L in fours, double columns, *no music.*
Psalms, Prose and Metre. 16°. *with music.* [Imperfect copy in Bodleian.]
Psalms in Metre. 12°.
Scrogie (A.), Theses Theologicæ.
Sulton (Edward), Caution for the credulous.
1630 Baron (Robert), Theses Theologicæ.
1631 Craig (Alex.), Pilgrime and Heremite.

1631 Lundie (John), Theses Theologicæ.
1632 Prognostication.
Wedderburne (David), Short Introduction to Grammar.
1633 Baron (Robert), On the Arrival of K. Charles.
Merser (William), A Poesie. [Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-42, p. 59.]
Ramsay (David), Sermon on Deut. xvii., 18-20.
1634 Leech (David), Positiones Philosophicæ.
Michel (William), Epitaphs upon.
Wedderburne (David), Meditationes Campestris. [? 1644.]
1635 Forbes (Patrick), Sermons. [Not "The Funerals," c.f. Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica.]
Leech (David), Positiones Philosophicæ.
Table of all the Pettie Custumes.
Wedderburne (D.), Institutiones Grammaticæ, ed. secunda.
1636 Leech (David), Positiones Philosophicæ.
Themilthorpe (Nicholas), Posie of Godlie Prayers.
Wedderburne (D.), Vocabula. [? date and place of printing.]
Whole Forme of Discipline.
1638 Guild (William), Antidote agaynst Poperie. [? 1639.]
Leech (David), Positiones Philosophicæ.
Proclamation. [c.f. Spalding's Trubles, I., pp. 124-25, Spalding Club Edition.]
1639 Declinator and protestation. [A copy in the Catalogue of New College Library, Edinburgh, but the book is said to be lost.]
Guild (William), Freindlie and Faithfull Advyss.
1641 Wedderburne (David), Sub obitum A. Jonstoni, Suspiria.
1642 Lyndsay (David), Scotlandis Halleluiah.
Theses. [Miscellany of Spalding Club, V., p, 109.]
1643 Bohemus (S. Decanus), Positiones.
Gordon (P.), Theses Philosophicæ.
Row (John), Hebrew Dictionary. [? Glasgow, 1644.]
Scoole Actis and Lawes. [Aberdeen Burgh Records, 1643-1747, p. 3, Miscellany of Spalding Club, V., p. 106.]
1644 Wedderburne (D.), Sub obitum Georgii Jamesoni, Lachrymæ.
1645 Theses. [Miscellany of Spalding Club, V., p. 163.]
1648 Papers that is prined on the bristis of thes that stand on the scaffold. [Miscellany of Spalding Club, V., p. 108.]

JAMES BROWN.

1650 Causes of a Public Fast. [A copy in the Catalogue of New College Library, Edinburgh, but the book is lost.]
Theses. [Miscellany of Spalding Club, V., p. 168, Aberdeen Burgh Records, 1643-1747, p. 111.]
1657 Weekly Diurnall. [Aberdeen Burgh Records, 1643-1747, p. 165, Miscellany of Spalding Club, V., p. 181.]
1660 Forme of the Coronation of Charles II. [? London reprint of this date, c.f. Lowndes (Bohn), p. 418.]
1661 Leslie (James), Ὁ Αστήρ Ορθρινος Απολαμπεῖ.
Logie (Andrew), Remonstrance to the Godly Party.
n.d. Guild (William), Compend of the Controversies in Religion.

JOHN FORBES.

1662 Forbes (John), Cantus, Songs, and Fancies.
1663 Baron (Robert), De Discrimine Peccati venialis ac mortalis.
1666 Psalm Tunes to four voices. Oblong 8°. 8 leaves.
Theses. [Aberdeen Burgh Records, 1643-1747, p. 232.]

JOHN FORBES, YOUNGER.

1670 Book of Rates and Customs.
Mitchell (William), Dialogue betwixt a Quaker, and a Stable Christian. [Anonymous.]
1672 Barclay (Robert), Warning to the Inhabitants of Aberdene.
Buchanan (George), Psalmi.
1675 Hay (Alexander), Duo Antidota.
True and Faithful Accompt of a Dispute betwixt Students of Divinity, and Quakers. [The Quaker's Version.]
1677 New Prognostication.
1680 New Prognostication.
Forbes (R.), Theses Philosophicæ.
1681 Dunbar (William), Cogitations upon Death.
1683 General Demands concerning the Covenant. [? 1663.]
1687 Vox Uraniæ, and New Prognostication.
1688 Skene (G.), Positiones Philosophicæ.
1691 Fraser (George), Positiones Philosophicæ.

JOHN FORBES, YOUNGER.—*Continued.*

1693 Fraser (Alexander), Determinationes Philosophicæ.

Date unknown. Forbes (Alex.), De Rota Arithmetica. [Catalogue of Scottish Writers, p. 124.]

Skene (James), Decalogue, Lord's Prayer, and Creed, in meeter. [Ibid, p. 122.]

Date uncertain, c. 1682. Forbes (John), Mariner's Everlasting Almanac. 1st Ed.

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1705 Black (William), Cogitata Philosophica.

JAMES NICOL.

1714 Twelve Tunes for the Church of Scotland.

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Black (William), Cogitata Philosophica, 1705.
Bohemus (S. Decanus), Positiones, 1643.
Book of Rates and Customs, 1670.
Buchanan (George), Psalmi, 1672.
Calvin (John), Catechisme, 1628.
Cargill (William), Some Poesie, 1626.
Causes of a Public Fast, 1650.

* The only Aberdeen Almanacs that I have examined between the dates mentioned, are those for 1639, 1682, 1683, 1716, 1717, 1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725. The last seven are broadsheets.

Charles II., Forme of the Coronation of, 1660.
Cogitations upon Death [William Dunbar], 1681.
Covenant, General Demands concerning, 1683.
Craig (Alex.), Pilgrime and Heremite, 1631.
Declinator and Protestation of the Archbishops, &c., 1639.
Dialogue betwixt a Quaker, and a Stable Christian [William Mitchell], 1670.
Discipline, Whole Forme of, 1636.
Diurnall, Weekly, 1657.
Dunbar (William), Merrie Historie of the Thrie Friers of Berwicke, 1622. Cogitations upon Death, 1681.
Edict for the Professour of Mathematicques, 1624.
Forbes (Alex.), Ane Poesie, 1626.
Forbes (Alex.), De Rota Arithmetica, n.d.
Forbes (John), Cantus, Songs, and Fancies, 1662. Mariner's Everlasting Almanac, 1st Ed., c. 1682.
Forbes (Patrick), Sermons, 1635.
Forbes (R.), Theses Philosophicæ, 1680.
Forme of the Coronation of Charles II., 1660.
Fraser (Alexander), Determinationes Philosophicæ, 1693.
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General Demands concerning the Covenant, 1683.
Gordon (P.), Theses Philosophicæ, 1643.
Guild (William), Antidote agaynst Poperie, 1638. Freindlie and Faithfull Advyss, 1639. Compend of the Controversies in Religion, n.d.
Hay (Alexander), Duo Antidota, 1675.
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Leslie (James), Ὁ Ἀστὴρ Ὀρθρινὸς Ἀπολαμπεῖ, 1661.
Logie (Andrew), Remonstrance to the Godly Party, 1661.
Lundie (John), Theses Logicæ, 1626. Theses Logicæ, 1627. Theses Theologicæ, 1631.
Lyndsay (David), Scotlandis Halleluiah, 1642.
Merser (William), A Poesie, 1633.
Michel (William), Epitaphs upon, 1634.

Mitchell (William), Dialogue between a Quaker, and a Stable Christian, 1670.

Papers that is prined on the bristis of thes that stand on the scaffold, 1648.

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Quakers. Dialogue betwixt a Quaker, and a Stable Christian [Wm. Mitchell], 1670. Accompt of a Dispute betwixt Students of Divinity and Quakers, 1675.

Ramsay (David), Sermon on Deut. xvii., 18-20, 1633.

Row (John), Hebrew Dictionary, 1643.

Scoole Actis and Lawes, 1643.

Scotland (Church of), Whole Forme of Discipline, 1636. Declinator and Protestation, 1639. Causes of a Public Fast, 1650. General Demands concerning the Covenant, 1683. Twelve Tunes for the Church of Scotland, 1714.

Scrogie (A.), Theses Theologicæ, 1629.

Sibbald (J.), Theses Theologicæ, 1628.

Skene (G.), Positiones Philosophicæ, 1688.

Skene (Jas.), Decalogue, Lord's Prayer, and Creed, in meeter, n.d.

Spencer (John), Grammaticale Bellum Nominis, 1623.

Sulton (Edward), Caution for the Credulous, 1629.

Symson (Arch.), Christes Testament, *Edinburgh*, 1620.

Table of all the Pettie Custumes, 1635.

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Weekly Diurnall, 1657.

Whole Forme of Discipline, 1636.

PREFATORY NOTE.

IN issuing the first part of "The Aberdeen Printers," I embrace the opportunity of writing a few words of thanks to the large number of subscribers who replied to the Prospectus, and rendered possible the publication of the work.

Out of one hundred and twenty-eight titles of books given in this part, eighty-four have been examined by myself. They can be readily distinguished by the perpendicular bars which indicate the arrangement of the titlepages into lines. The Library in which these books are to be found is invariably given at the end of each entry. The entries in which bars do not occur are taken from Bibliographical Works, Library Catalogues, Sale Catalogues, or casual references in books, but in every case the authority for the title is acknowledged.

I shall always regret that it was out of my power to examine the large collection of "Rabans" in Dr. Laing's Library, and should this come under

the notice of the present possessors of any of the books with the too frequent note, "Dr. David Laing's Sale Catalogue," I shall be obliged if they will communicate with me.

Any information regarding Aberdeen Printing or Printers will be gladly welcomed, and use will be made of such in the concluding part.

In order to avoid the continual recurrence of the terms *recto* and *verso* in the collations, I have used small "superior" figures placed to the right above the larger figures that indicate the leaf of the sheet or signature,

Thus—A 1^1 = recto of A 1; A 1^2 = verso of A 1.

I reserve the acknowledgment of assistance from many kind friends until the conclusion of my labours.

J. P. EDMOND.

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Aberdeen.

THE ABERDEEN PRINTERS.

EDWARD RABAN.

1620 (Edinburgh).

SYMSON, ARCHIBALD. Christes Testament vnfolded: Or, Seauen Godlie and learned Sermons, . . . By M[aster] A. Symson, Minister of the Gospel at Dalkeith.

Printed at Edinbvrgh, by Edward Raban, dwelling at the Cowgate Port, at the signe of A B C. 1620. With License.

8°, Black Letter, A—M in eights, M 8 is blank. This is the only work yet discovered printed by Raban in Edinburgh. A copy occurs in Dr. D. Laing's Sale Catalogue, 1879, Part I., No. 3245, which is described by Mr. W. C. Hazlitt in his "Collections and Notes, 2nd Series."

1620 (St. Andrews).

MELVILLE, ANDREW. Viri Clarissimi | A. Melvini | Mvsæ | Et | P. Adamsoni Vita | Et Palino[d]ia | Et | Celsæ commissionis ceu delegatæ potestatis Regiæ in | causis Ecclesiasticis brevis & aperta descriptio. | Anno M.DC.XX. |

4°, without place or printer's name. A—I 2 in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank, A 2 "Ad Lectorem," marked pp. 3-4, A 3—F 2, pp. 5-44, "A. M. Mvsæ." F 3—4, pp. 45-48, "Vita P. Adamsoni." G 1—4, pp. 49-56, "Adamsoni Palinodia," H 1—I 2[1], pp. 57-67, "Celsæ

Commissionis Anatomia." I 2^2 is blank. From a careful comparison of the typography with other books printed by Raban during his residence in St. Andrews, I have little doubt that this is a production of his.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

MICHAELSON, JOHN. The Lawfvlnes | Of | Kneeling, | In The Act | Of receiuing the Sacrament | of the Lordes Supper. | Written by M. Iohn Michaelson, | Preacher of Gods Word, | At Bvrnt-Yland. | [Motto.] Printed by Edvvard Raban, | Printer to the Vniversitie of | Sanct-Andrewes: | And are to bee solde at his Printing-house, in | the South-street of the Citie: At the signe | of the A B C. 1620. |

8°, A—I in eights. A 1 precedes the title-page, and has a large A surrounded with a woodcut border on recto, verso blank. A 2^1 Title, A 2^2 blank, A 3—4 Dedication to Lord Scone, A 5 Table, A 6^1 "Argumentes," A 6^2 blank, A 7—8, pp. 1-4, "The Lawfvlnesse of Kneeling," B 1—G 2^1 pp. 5-87, "Arguments answered Against Kneeling," G 2^2 is blank, G 3^1 "A B C [within a border] | Argvments | Propovnded For | The Lavvfulnesse of | Kneeling, &c. | By the same Avthor. | [woodcut of bear at foot]." G 3^2 blank, G 4—I 7, pp. 91-130, "Argvments for Kneeling," I 8 is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

PERTH ASSEMBLY. Parasynagma Perthense | Et | Ivramentvm Ecclesiæ | Scoticanae | Et | A. M. Antitamica- | micategoria. | Anno | M.DC.XX. |

4°, without place or printer's name. A—F in fours. A 1^1 Title, A 1^2 blank, A 2—4, pp. 3-8, "Prefatio," B 1—D 1^1, pp. 9-26, "Parasynagma Perthense," D 1^2—E 4, pp. 27-40, "Ivramentvm Ecclesiae Scoticanae," F 1—4^1, pp. 41-47, "A. Melvini Antitamicamicategoria," F 4^2 is blank. It is probable that this is from Raban's press at St. Andrews. The British Museum catalogue ascribes it to that town, and the types appear to be Raban's.

British Museum.

TILENUS, DANIEL. A B C | [Within a woodcut border] Parænesis | Ad | Scotos, | Genevensis Disci- | plinæ Zelotas, | Autore Dan. Tileno Silesio. |

Andreapoli, | Excudit Eduardus Rabanus, Academiæ | Typographus, cIↃ.cI.c.xx. |

8°. A—E in eights. A 1 is wanting in the copy examined, it was probably blank. A 2^1 Title, A 2^2 blank, A 3^1—E 8^1, pp. 5-79, "Parænesis, &c." E 8^2 is covered with woodcut devices.

University Library, Edinburgh.

1621 (St. Andrews).

BARON, ROBERT. Philoso- | phia Theolo- | giæ Ancillans; | hoc est, | Pia & sobria explicatio Quæ- | stionum Philosophicarvm in Dis- | putationibus Theologicis | subinde occurrentium. | Avctore | Roberto Baronio, | Philosophiæ Professore, | in illustri Collegio S. Sal- | vatoris. |

Andreapoli, | Excudit Eduardus Rabanus, Vniver- | sitatis Typographus. 1621. | Cvm Privilegio. |

8°. Twelve preliminary leaves, + A—X in eights, except E, and L, 12 leaves each. *Collation.* Blank leaf. Title, verso blank. ¶2—3. "Candido Lectori." ¶4 Latin verses "Dn. R. Baronio, Quondam Discipulo suo," signed H. Danskinvs. ¶5 Latin verses to the same, signed Iacobvs Glegivs. ¶6—8 "Elenchvs Exercitationvm." One leaf, "Exercitatio Prima, De Ente, Essentia, &c.," verso blank. One folio, Dedication to John Abp. of St. Andrews. One folio, "Index Articvlorvm Primæ Exercitationis." (The corresponding leaf to this, is that which precedes the title and is carried round the first sheet.) A—E 4^1 in eights, pp. 1-71, "Exercitatio Prima," E 4^2 is blank, E 5^1 "Exercitatio Secvnda, De Origine Animæ, &c.," E 5^2 is blank, E 6, pp. 73-4, Dedication to Alex. Gladstone, Archdeacon of St. Andrews, E 7, pp. 75-6, "Index Arcticvlorrvm (*sic*) Secvndæ Exercitationis," E 8^1 Errata, E 8^2 is blank, E 9 (marked E 5)—L 2^1 in

eights, except sig. E which runs to twelve, pp. 77-167, "Exercitatio Secvnda," L 2[2] is blank, L 3[1] "Exercitatio Tertio, De Fide, &c.," L 3[2] is blank, L 4 Dedication to Sir John Scott of Scottistarvet, L 5—6, pp. 169-172, "Index Articvlorvm Tertiæ Exercitationis," L 7 (marked L 3)—X 7[1] in eights, except sig. L which runs to twelve, pp. 173-341, "Exercitatio Tertia," X 7[2] blank, and X 8 is blank. Printed within lines.

University Library, Aberdeen.

BARON, R. Positiones, by Professor Robert Baron. St. Andrews, Edward Raban. 1621.

Communicated by Dr. Robert Dickson, Carnoustie.

SYMSON, ARCHIBALD. Heptameron, | The Seven | Dayes: | That is, | Meditations | And Prayers, | Vpon the vvorke of the Lords Creation. | Together with other certaine Prayers | and Meditations, most comfor- | table for all Estates, &c. | By M. A. Symson, Minister at Dalkeith. |

Sainct-Andrews, | Printed by Edward Raban, Printer | to the Vniversitie. 1621. |

8°. A—O in eights. A 1[1] Title, within woodcut border, A 1[2] blank, A 2[1] (marked A 3)—A 4[1] Dedication "To The Right Noble and Vertvovs Ladie, Dame Margaret Hay, Countesse of Dumfermeling," A 4[2]—A 5[2] "To The Christian Reader," A 6[1] Verses "On The Booke," signed W. D., A 6[2] Verses "On the Seven Dayes," signed I. A., A 7[1] "An Antiphone, or Epode, For VV. D. his Heptachordon, To The Avthor," signed M. I. Adamson, A 7[2] blank, A 8 The Contents, B 1—O 7 pp. 1-206 Heptameron, &c., O 8[1] page 207 "The Printer To The Reader. Because it is vnpossible that Bookes of any quantitie (in the first Impression) should escape all Faults, and especially in the absence of the Author: therefore it shall please the Christian Reader to auoyde partialitie, judge charitablie, and correct diligentlie such errours as (on our behalfe) vnwillinglie have escaped our correction: all which (God willing) at another time wee shall amende most attentiuelie." O 8[2] is blank. Printed within lines.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

SYMSON, ARCHIBALD. Samsons | Seaven Lockes | Of Haire: | Allegorically expounded, | and compared to the seauen Spi- | rituall Vertues, whereby | we are able to ouercome our | spirituall Philistims (*sic*). | By M. A. Symson, Minister of | the Euangell at Dalkeith. |

Printed at Sainct-Andrewes, by | Edward Raban, Printer to the | Vniversitie, 1621. |

8°. A—D in eights. A 1[1] blank, A 1[2] Woodcut Device, A 2 is wanting in the copy examined, it appears to have been torn out, A 3[1] Title within woodcut border, A 3[2] blank, A 4[1]—5[1], pp. 8-9 (page 8 being on 4[2]), Dedication, "To the right Noble and vertuous Ladie, D. Marie Areskin, Ladie Keith." A 5[2] "To the Reader," in which the author makes mention of his Seauen Dayes, Seauen Words, this his third Septenarie, and promises Seauen Psalms of Repentance. A 6[2]—7[2] are occupied with a statement of the author's intention. A 8—D 8, pp. 15-64, "Samsons Seaven Lockes of Hair." Printed within lines.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

1622 (St. Andrews).

BROWNE, DAVID, The New Invention, | Intitvled, | Calligraphia: | Or, | The Arte Of | Faire Writing: | Wherein is comprehended the | whole necessarie Rules thereof; by which anie | who is capable and carefull to learne, may with- | out the helpe of any other Teacher, under God, | both bee informed concerning the right writing of the | most usuall Characters in the World; and perfectly | instructed how to write one of the most | frequent in Europe, called | the Secretarie. | Brought to a Methode, for the universall use | both of the Youth, and of all who

haue eyther wan- | ted or neglected the occasion of Lear- | ning in their youth. | By His Majesties Scribe, | Master David Browne. |

Sainct-Andrewes, | Printed by Edward Raban, Printer to | the Vniversitie. 1622. | With Priviledge. |

8°. ¶, ¶¶, ¶¶¶ eight leaves each, ¶¶¶¶ four leaves, A—O 4 in eights. ¶ 1 is blank, ¶ 2[1] Title, ¶ 2[2] Priviledge, ¶ 3—4 Dedication to King James, ¶ 5—7 To the Reader, ¶ 8[1] Tetrasticha, ¶ 8[2] Verses "On the Booke," signed D. A., ¶¶ 1[1] Verses "In the Prayse of Writing," signed I. S., ¶¶ 1[2]—¶¶¶ 1[1] "The Argument of Faire Writing," ¶¶¶ 1[2] is blank, ¶¶¶ 2—¶¶¶ 4[1] "The Elements of Faire Writing," ¶¶¶¶ 4[2] is blank. There is no paging up to this point. A 1—M 3[1] Caligraphia, M 3[2] is blank, M 4—N 8 Objections Answered, O 1—3 Admonitions, O 4 "The Printer To The Reader, And Bvyer of this Booke. It may bee (Gentle Reader) that you thinke the Price of this Booke too much for so little a Volume; yet if you will consider the Causes wherefore it must bee so, you will allow thereof the better, which bee foure: First, because hee who selleth it, intendeth, God willing, to bee readie and present, or one in his name, whensoever it shall please you to inquire for the same: for it is better to sell in such sort, as he who selleth may liue, and keepe the Town, nor at so low a rate, as he must leave the same, and disappoint you, when you aske for such a one as is not to bee found. Secondlie, if you reade this Booke orderlie, and diligentlie, from the beginning, unto this place, I hope you will not finde it deare neyther, but within the value. Thirdlie, though it were otherwise, it may not bee solde anie cheaper at this first Impression: because there is but a few Printed, for an essay, upon an haste, and by guesse, as it were; partly since it is the Authors first Travels, and partly in respect of the tedious writing of so manie Characters, and much Writ, upon each Booke, after the Imprinting of the matter thereof. And fourthlie, because the Author maintayneth two or three daylie to fill up, and write in, all the foresayd Exemplare Letters and Words, in everie Extract, which is no small travell and charges, in comparison of those Bookes which have nothing in them, but such as is set downe, and printed all at ones, with one travell. But indeed within few yeares, God willing, when this Impression is solde, and newe Types bought, to supplie the travels nowe made with the Penne, and the Booke reformed, and Printed the seconde time, then it may perhaps bee solde at a farre lower rate, though much better of it selfe: to the which time, I entreate you to haue patience, and bee content with it as it is, and not

only dispence with any apparent Dearth thereof now, but also excuse any fault you finde eyther in the Author in downe-setting, and correcting; or in Mee, in the Imprinting: and then I hope we shall please you better both in Travels and Price. Thus in the meane time, and for ever, I wish you to fare-well.

Imprinted at Sanct-Andrewes, | By Edvvard Raban, Printer | to the Vniversitie there: | And are to be solde in Edinbvrgh, by Iohn | Burdon, at his Shoppe, beside the Trone, on | the South side of the Streete, | For sixe Shillinges Sterling the piece. | "

British Museum.

LINDESAY, DAVID. An Heavenly | Chariot, | Layde open for transporting the | New-borne Babes of God, | from time infected vvith Sin, | towards that æternitie in the which | dwelleth Righteousnesse. | Made up of some rare pieces of that purest Golde which | is not to bee found but in that ritchest | Thesaurie of Sacred Scripture. | By M. David Lindesay, Minister of Christs | Evangel at Leith. | Heb. xiii., Vers. 14. | Here we haue no continuing Citie; but we seeke one to come. | Col. iii., Vers. 1. 2. | If ye bee risen with Christ, seeke those thinges which are aboue, where | Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Set your affections on | things which are aboue, and not on things which are on the Earth. |

Imprinted at Sainct-Andrevves, | By Edward Raban, Printer to the | Vniversitie. 1622. |

4°. A—K in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] is blank, A 2[1] Dedication "For The Verie Sincerely Religiovs, And Noble Vertuous Ladie, Ladie Anna Cuninghame, Ladie Marques of Hamilton, Younger," A 2[2] is blank, A 3—K 4, pp. 5-80, "An Heavenly Charjot."

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

1622 (Aberdeen).

ADAGIA. Adagia | In Latine | And English, | Contayning | Fyve Hvndreth | Proverbes: | Verie profitable, as vvell for the | use of young Schollers, as others who | aspire unto farther perfection | in the Latine Tongue. |

Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Raban, | Anno 1622. |

8°. Partly in Black Letter. A—C 4 in eights. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] "Lectori," A 2—C 4[1], pp. 3-39, Adagia. Woodcut of Scottish Arms at foot of page 39. C 4[2] is blank.

British Museum.

DUNBAR, WILLIAM. The Merrie Historie of the Thrie Friers of Berwicke.

☞ Printed at Aberdene, By Edvvard Raban, for David Melvill. 1622.

4°. Ten leaves, pp. 19. Attributed to William Dunbar. The late Dr. David Laing in his edition of William Dunbar's Poems, 1834, Vol. II., p. 379, describes a copy of this book, probably unique, in the Library at Skene House, Aberdeenshire. It is very much to be feared that this copy is not now in that Library, lately transferred to Duff House, Banff. C.f. Book of Bon-Accord, p. 55, Bibliographer, Vol. I., p. 91, Notes and Queries, 6th Ser., V., 267, 415, 456.

GUILD, WILLIAM. Issachars Asse, | Braying | Vnder a double Burden. | Or, | The Uniting of Churches. | By William Gvild, Minister of | Gods Word At King-Edward. | Hab. 1. 2. Isai. 49. 4. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, | ☞Imprinted by Edward Raban☜ | Cvm Privilegio. 1622. |

4°. A—C in fours. Dedicated to John Urquhart of Craigfintrie and Elizabeth Seton.

British Museum.

LUNAN, ALEXANDER. Theses | Philosophicae, | Quas adjutorio numinis Adolescentes | Pro Magisterii Gradu, | In publico Academiæ Regiæ Aberdonensis asce- | terio 10. Kalen. Augus. i. 22. Iulii, 1622. | Horis pomeridianis sustinebunt. | Praeside Alexandro Lvnano. | Nomina Propugnatorum. | [Names of nine candidates.]

Aberdoniis, | Excudebat Eduardus Rabanus, | Vniversitatis Typographus. | Anno Domini 1622. |

4°. Title + A—C in fours. Dedication to Bp. Patrick Forbes on verso of Title. A—C 3[1] Theses, C 3[2] is blank, C 4 is wanting in the copy examined, probably it was blank. The Theses are printed in Italics. Printed within woodcut borders. No paging.

University Library, Aberdeen.

TILENUS, DANIEL. De | Disciplina | Ecclesiastica | Brevis & modesta dissertatio, | Ad | Ecclesiam Scoticam. | Avtore | Gallo quodam Theologo, | Verbi Divini Ministro. |

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Eduardus Rabanus, | Impensis Davidis Melvill, 1622. | Cum Privilegio. |

8°. Anonymous. By Daniel Tilenus. A—I in eights. A 1 is wanting in the copy examined, it was probably a blank leaf. A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] blank, A 3—I 7, pp. 5-142, De Disciplina Ecclesiastica, I 8[1] "Inserantvr Pag. 39," I 8[2] is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

1623.

ALMANAC. A New Prognostication for the Yeare of our Lord God, 1623, Being the third after Leap-Yeare: Serving most fitlie for the Kingdom of Scotland and all the parts of North Britane.

Contents—A Brief Computation of Time; compleat with-in this present Yeare. The common Notes and moveable Feastes. A brieffe Rule concerning the influence of the Starrees, (viz.)—

The statlie Starres plac'd in the lofty Skie,
Transport their influence in-to this Vall;
But in such sorte, as that GODS Dietie
Must be acknowledged above them all.

Starres *governe men*, God *governes them againe:*
His pree-science hath so ordained the same.
Then feare no Starres, they can-not work thy paine—
Vnlesse GOD please; with fayth trust in His Name.

A Description of the foure quarters of the Year: and first of WINTER.

Instead of flowers and Grasse so green,
The Earth hath got another hew;
Frost, snow, and durtie Dales are sceene
Where pleasant plants most fruitfull grew;
Childhood, cold reume, and phlegmatic state
Of winter's cold nature doeth best relate.

. . . The inconveniences which most commonly attond this Winter Quarter are Shipwrackes and great Sicknesses, both on Sea and Land, proceeding of raw Phlegmaticke, and in-digested blood, or superfluitie of corrupt, rotten, and putrified humours, causing uncouth and strange-fitted Fevers, unmannerly Coghs, obstructions of the Lunges, and an unknowne paine in the Breast, Backe and Loynes.

Where-fore, for to prevent such Griefs,
Vse Meats both warm and drye;
Both Head and Feete see warm thou keepe;
Eate much; drinke sparingly.

The Second Quarter called THE SPRING.

Most welcome is the fruitful spring
To creatures all that multiplie;
Both Beasts and Birds doe skip and sing,
In flocking sorte aboundantlie.
In sanguine men and youthfull yeares
This seasons nature best appears.

Now the beautifull Sunne, having shaken off the dabling drops of the watry Winter from its glorious beams, cometh foorth, and up-on the 11th of March maketh the day and night of equall length.

This season is naturally hote and moist, like unto youth; and is the most wholesome part of the Year; nothing apt to breede anie diseases; but will perhaps bring foorth such as are bred alreadie in the bodies of men and women, especiallie in the secret parts: there-fore, beware wee Leachers. . .

SUMMER.—

Bright Sol, having got its highest grade,
Lookes downe on Earth with hot aspect;
Parching the Ground and Cornie Blade;
Rypning all things with good effect;
Fierce, cholericke men and middle age
Of Summer's nature doe presage.

HARVEST, or the fall of the Leaffe.

For good husband's paine, Harvest yields gaine
What-so-ever on Earth doeth grow;
Each Tree, Plant, and Shrub, all for man's good,
Shew them their duetie GOD unto.
Crooked olde Age, Humour, Melancholie
Will Harvest's nature trulie verifie.

. . . This is sayd to be an unwholesome season, and according to natures operation, is cold and dry. The diseases are lyke to be manyfolde; but especiallie the Pennie-lesse paine in the Pursse, shall cause much Heart-ache, and many Widows to be left though their husbands alive, which the *Germans* call Onbestorven Weduwen.

PHYSIC IN-DEEDE, TO SAVE FROM NEEDE.

Vse Doctor Free-man: free thyself from bands;
Vse Honest Doctor Mirth, at all commandes.
Vse Doctor Cooke; But sell away no Lands;
For on these three great part of Physic Stands.

Eclipses, Change of the Moon and weatther in Calendar. Fairs Of Scotland.

The above description of the first Aberdeen Almanac is taken from the second of a series of Papers, entitled The Aberdeen Bibliographer's Manual, which appeared in the *Aberdeen Herald* at irregular intervals.

12° in eight. *Aberdeen Herald*, Nov. 27, 1858.

BRIEFE CHRONICLE. A Briefe Chronicle, | Of all the Kinges of | Scotland: | Declaring in what yeare of the Worlde, and | of Christ, they began to reigne, | how long they reigned, of what qua- | lities they were, and how | they died. |

Aberdene, | Printed By Edward Raban, | For David Melvill, 1623. |

8°. A—C in eights. A 1 has woodcut devices on both sides. A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] Scottish Arms within borders, A 3—C 7[1] Briefe Chronicle. Colophon at foot of C 7[1]—"From Aberdene, 1623. Jan. 30," [Old Style] C 7[2]—C 8[2] Woodcut Devices only.

British Museum.

CRAIG, ALEXANDER. The Poeticall | Recreations | Of Mr. Alexander | Craig, of Rose-Craig, | Scoto Britan. |

Otium sine literis mors est, & vivi hominis Sepultura. [Woodcut of Scottish Arms.]

Aberdene, | ☞Printed by Edward Raban,☜ | For David Melvill, 1623. | Cvm Privilegio. |

4°. A—E 2 in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] is blank, A 2, pp. 3-4, Dedication to "George, Earle of Enyie," A 3[1], p. 5, Verses "Ad eundem," A 3[2] blank, A 4, pp. 7-8, "To the Readers," B 1—E 2[1], pp. 9-35, the Poems, E 2[2] is blank. Printed with woodcut ornaments between each poem.

University Library, Aberdeen.

FORBES, WILLIAM. Positiones | Aliqvot | Logicae, Ethi- | cæ, Physicæ, Metaphysi- | cæ, Sphæricæ: | Ex clarissimorum Philosopho- | rum Gazophylaciis | Hinc inde depromptæ, ad veritatem limandam in publica | diatriba, ultro citroque eventilandæ, quas Σὺν Θεῷ | Academiae Regiae Aberdonensis | alumni, cum laurea hac vice emittendi, | postrid. Idus Iulii, propugna- | bunt, Horis solitis. | Præside D. Gvlielmo Forbesio, | S. | [Motto.]

Aberdoniis, | Excvdebat Edvardvs Rabanvs, | Anno Domini 1623. |

4°. Title + A—C 1 in fours. Title, with commencement of Dedication, "Manibvs . . . Gvlielmi Elphinstoni" on verso. A 1 conclusion of dedication signed by twelve candidates, A2—C 1[1] "Positiones Logicæ," C 1[2] is blank. No paging. Printed within borders.

University Library, Aberdeen.

LACHRYMÆ ACAD. MARISCHALL. Lachrymae | Academiæ Marischallanæ, | Svb Obitvm | Mœcenatis, & Fundatoris sui | munificentissimi: | Nobilissimi, & Illustrissimi | Georgii, | Comitis Marischalli, | Domini De Keith | Et Altre, &c. | Obiit V. April. Anno Domini MDCXXIII. | Ætatis vero LXX. |

Abredoniae, | Excvdebat Edvardvs Rabanvs, | Anno Domini 1623. |

4°. Title + A—C 1, two leaves each. Title, with verso blank, A—C 1, pp. 1-10, Greek and Latin verses. Three English verses are given on page 10.

Signet Library, Edinburgh.

OGSTON, WILLIAM. Oratio Fvnebris, | In obitum maximi virorum | Georgii, | Marischalli Comitis, | D. Keith & Altre, &c. | Academiæ Marischallanæ, Abre- | doniæ, Fvndatoris, et Me- | coenatis Mvnificentissimi, | Scripta, et pronuntiata | A | Gvlielmo Ogstono, Philosophiæ | Moralis Ibidem Professore, | In auditorio publico, quinto ab exequiis die Iun. xxx. | Anno Domini 1623. |

Surguntque caduntque vicissim, |
Spes mihi magna tamen. |

Abredoniæ, | Excvdebat Edvardvs Rabanvs, | Academiae Typographvs. 1623. |

4°. A—C 2 in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Dedication to William, Earl Marischal, Bishop Patrick Forbes, and the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of Aberdeen, A 2—C 2, pp. 3-20, "Oratio."

University Library, Aberdeen.

SIBBALD, JAMES. Assertiones | Philosophicae, | Quas Auspice | Deo Opt. Max. | Præside | D. Iacobo Sibbaldo, | Adolescentes Magisterii Candidati in | Academia Mareschallana, | Die Vicesimo secundo Iulii propugnabunt, | Ab Aurora ad Meridiem. | [Motto, and woodcut of Scottish Arms.]

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus, | Anno 1623. |

4°. A and B in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Latin and Greek verses, "Doctissimo Præsidi," A 2—3 Dedication to George Nicolson, Provost, and to the other Magistrates and Council of Aberdeen, signed by ten candidates, A 4—B 4 Theses. The Theses are printed in Italics. No paging. Printed within woodcut borders.

University Library, Aberdeen.

SPENCER, JOHN. Grammaticale Bellum Nominis et Verbi Regum, editum ab And. Salernitano. Aberdoniæ, 1623.

Heber's Sale Catalogue, 1835, part 6., p. 248.

VIVES, J. L. Ioannis | Lodovici Vivis | Valentini, | Ad Sapientiam intro- | ductio: | Enchiridion repurgandis sæculi | hujus vitiis accommo- | datissimum. | Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Eduardus Raba- | nus, Impensis Davidis | Melvil. 1623. |

12°. A—F 11 in twelves. A 1[1] Woodcut of Scottish Arms, A 1[2] the same repeated, A2[1] Title, A 2[2] blank, A 3—F 11, pp. 5-142, "Ioan. Lodov. Vives, Ad Sapient. introduct." F 12 is wanting in the copy examined, it was probably blank. Printed within lines.

University Library, Aberdeen.

1624.

ALMANAC. Gabriel Friends Prognostication for the Yeare of God, 1624, Being Leape Yeare.

12° in eight. Arms of the City of Aberdeen on Titlepage, with motto on the scroll Bon-Accord; at the foot, Insignia Vrbis Abredonie.

Aberdeen Herald, Dec. 4th, 1858.

FORBES, JOHN. Theses | Philosophicae, | Quas Deo Auspice, | Adolescentes, è Celeberrima Academia | Regia Aberdonensi, hac vice | cum laurea emittendi: | In publico Academiæ auditorio ad xix. diem | Iulii, 1624. à meridie in vesperam sustinebunt. | Praeside

Ioanne Forbesio. | [Motto, and woodcut of Scottish Arms.]

Aberdoniis, | Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus, | Anno Domini 1624. |

4°. ¶ two leaves + A—C in fours. ¶ 1[1] Title, ¶ 1[2]—2[2] Dedication "Alexandro Gordono, Dom. Alexandri Gordoni, Equitis Aurati, Domini a Clunay, &c., Filio & Hæredi," signed by eight candidates, A 1—C4 Theses. The Theses are printed in Italics. There is no paging. Printed within woodcut borders.

University Library, Aberdeen.

GUILD, WILLIAM. Three | Rare Monuments of Antiquitie, | Or | Bertram, Priest, A French-man, | Of the Bodie and Blood of Christ, (written 800 yeares agoe) with the late Romish purging thereof: | Ælfricvs, Archbishop of Canterburie, | an English-man, | His Sermon of the Sacrament, (preached 627 years agoe:) And | Mavrvs, Abbot, A Scots-man, | His discourse of the same (820 years agoe:) All stronglie convincing | that grosse Errour of Transvbstantiation. | Translated and compacted | By M. VVilliam Guild, Minister at King-Edward. | [Arms of the City of Aberdeen.]

Printed at Aberdene, by Edward Raban, | For David Melvill, 1624. |

8°. A—K4 in eights. In the copy examined A 1 is wanting, but probably it was a blank leaf, and K 4 has only Woodcut devices on both sides. Dedicated to William, Earl Marischal.

British Museum.

LOGIE, ANDREW. Cum Bono Deo. | Raine From | The Clovds, | vpon a Choicke Angel: | Or, | A returned Answere, to that common | Quæritur of our Adver-

saries, | Where was your Church before Luther? | Digested into severall Meditations, according to the difference of Points. | Extorted off the Author, for stilling the uncessant, and no lesse | clamorous Coassation of some Patmicke Frogges, | against the lawfulnesse of our Calling. | Matth. xxi, Vers. 23. &c. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, Imprinted By Edward Raban, Dwel- | ling upon the Market-place, at the Townes | Armes, 1624. Cum privilegio. |

4°. A—K in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 2 Epistle Dedicatorie to Sir Alexander Gordon of Clunie, Knight, signed Andrew Logie, Arch-Deane of Aberdene, A 3 Verses "Authori," by D. Wedderburne, A 4—K 3, pp. 7-77, Raine From the Clouds, K 4 Errata, verso blank. Dr. Cotton mentions a copy of this book with the date changed to 1634 in an ancient hand. A copy in the Bodleian has the same correction.

University Library, Aberdeen.

PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS' EDICT. The prowest, baillies, and counsall, ordainis George Rikard, thesaurer, to give ane angell to Eduard Raban, printer, for recompence of his paines and labouris in printing fourscoir copies of the edict for the professour of mathematicques, quhilk is appointit to be serveit to the first day of Januar nixt to cum, to be payit be the said thesaurer out of the profite of the moneyis mortifeit to the said professour, quhilk salbe allowit to the said thesaurer to his comptis.

Extracts from the Council Registers of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 19th November, 1623.

1625.

ALMANAC. A Prognostication for this Yeare of our Redemption 1625, Being the next year after Leap Yeare. Serving for the whole Kingdome of Scotland, but especially, and according to Raban's bound duetie for the Latitude and meridian of the Honourable Citie of Aberdene.

Printed at Aberdene by Edward Raban for David Melville. 1625.

12°. Arms of the City of Aberdeen on Titlepage. After a list of the Fairs in Scotland the Almanac concludes as follows—"Thus fare yee well, yee Chapmen; full merrie may ye make; For without Chapmen, there could be no Merchants. But who-so-ever will prooüe Deacon amongst you, I request him to let mee have a Copie of these Fayres in more perfect order against the next yeare, that all confusion may bee exchewed for your advantage, while as ye haue the Printer at command, even

Your owne Rabanvs."

Antiquarian Gleanings, G. Turreff, pp. 71-73.

GORDON, D. Pharmaco-Pinax, | Or | A Table And Taxe | Of the Pryces of all vsuall Medicaments, Simple | and composed, | contayned in D. Gordon's Apothecarie | and Chymicall Shop, within Mr. Robert Farqvhar's | high Lodging, in New Aberdene. | Together with certayne approved Remedies against Diseases, | which now most reigne amongst the Commons. All | for the vse of the People; proportionate both | to Rich and Poore, Learned and Vnlear- | ned; and profitable to all. | Ecclus. 38, Math. 9. 12. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, | Imprinted by Edward Raban, | Anno 1625. |

4°. A—F 2 in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 2[1]—B 1[1], pp. 4-9 (p. 4 on A 2[2]), To the Reader. B 1[2]—F 2[2], pp. 11-44 (p. 11 on B 2[1]), Pharmaco-Pinax.

Library of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.

LESLIE, WILLIAM. Propositiones | & | Problemata Philosophica, | De quibus | V.F.D.O.M. | In publico Academiæ Regiæ Aberdonensis | Acroaterio ΔΙΑΤΡΙΒΗ' ΠΕΙΡΑΣΤΙΚΗ' instituetur, | A.D. IV. Kal. Sext. Horis pomeri- | dianis, Anno 1625. | Respondentibus Magisterii Philosophici candidatis, | Praeside Gul. Leslaeo. | [Motto.]

Aberdoniis, | E. Typographêo Edvardi Rabani, | Academiæ & Vrbis Typographi, | Anno Sal. 1625. |

4°. ¶, 4 ll + A—C 2 (marked C 3) in fours. ¶ 1 blank, ¶ 2[1] Title, ¶ 2[2]—4[2] Dedication to Alexander Forbes, son of Lord Forbes, signed by eight candidates, A 1[1]—C 2[2], pp. 2-20 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), "Propositiones." Printed within woodcut borders.

University Library, Aberdeen.

PSALMS. The Psalmes in Meeter (by Sternhold & Hopkins) together with the Tunes diligently revised and amended by the most expert Musicians in Aberdene.

Aberdene, Edward Raban, 1625.

No copy of this edition has come under my notice, and Mr. Quaritch's Cataloguer in a note appended to a copy dated 1626 considers its existence doubtful.

Annals of Aberdeen, Wm. Kennedy, Vol. I., p. 175.

SIBBALD, JAMES. Theses | Philosophicae, | Quas Deo Opt. Max. | auspice, | Svb Præsidio Iacobi Sibbaldi, | Adolescentes Magisterii Candidati, in Academia | Mareschallana, Die vicesimo Iulii | propugnabunt, ab Aurora ad Meridiem. | [Woodcut of Arms of the City of Aberdeen.]

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus, | Anno Domini 1625. |

4°. 2 ll + A—B in fours. Title, with commencement of Dedication to Provost Paul Menzies, Drs. Wm. Forbes and Wm. Guild, on verso. Dedication is completed on the second preliminary leaf, signed by eleven candidates. A 1—B 4 Theses. Not paged. Printed within woodcut borders.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Abredonia | Atrata, | Sub obitum | Serenissimi & Potentissimi Monarchae, | Iacobi VI. Pacifici, | Britanniæ Magnæ, Galliæ, & Hiberniæ | Regis Fortvnatissimi, | Fidei Defensoris & Asser- | toris Doctissimi. |

—— *dicique beatus*
Ante obitum nemo supremaque funera debet.

Abredoniæ, Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus, | Anno Domini 1625. |

4°. A 4 leaves, B 2 leaves. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank, A 2[1] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, with Latin verses "Ad Amplissimos Curiæ Abredonensis Primates," signed D. Wedderbvrnvs, A 2[2]—B 1[2] "Abredonia Atrata," B 2[1] "Epitaphivm," also by Wedderburne, with black woodcut border, B 2[2] "Griphvs." There is no paging.

In connection with the publication of this book the following entry occurs in the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen, under date 1624-5, printed

in the Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 101 :—Item, to Mr. Dauid Wedderburne, for some poesies made be him on the death of the King, at the desyre of the toune, and for printing thairoff, 33 lib. 6s.

University Library, Aberdeen.

1626.

ALMANAC. Prognostication For this Yeare of our Redemption 1626, the Second after Leape-yeare: Serving most fitly for the whole Kingdome of Scotland: But most especially, and according vnto Raban's bound Duetie, from [for] the Latitude and Meridian of the Honourable Citie of Aberdene. Also, a summarie Discourse, Of the Proceedinges against the Pope and Spaine: Aswell concerneing our English navie, as the Hollanders, by Land and Sea.

Printed at Aberdene, By Edward Raban, For David Melville, 1626.

Book of Bon-Accord, [Joseph Robertson] p. 11.

CARGILL, WILLIAM, 1625-6. Item, to Mr. William Cargill, for some poesie dedicat be him to the counsall, 10 lib.

Extract from the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen, Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 102.

FORBES, ALEXANDER, 1625-6. Item, to Mr. Alex. Forbes, for ane poesie presentit to the prowest on the praise of the toune, 13 lib. 6s. 8d.

Extract from the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen, Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 102.

GARDYNE, ALEX., 1625-6. Item, to Mr. Alex. Gardyne, at the counsells command, for dedicating of his pamphlet to the toune, 66 lib. 13s. 4d.

Extract from the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen, Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 101.

GUILD, WILLIAM. Popish Glorying | In Antiqvitie | Turned to their Shame. | Where-by is showne, how that where-vnto | they pretend to carrie greatest Reverence, they | wrong vilifie, and disgrace; and are | most guiltie of that which they vp- | brayde to others. | Collected and proven out of themselues, for | the singular profit both of Pastors | and Professors. | By William Guild, Minister | at King-Edward. |

Printed in Aberdene, by | Edward Raban: 1626. |

8°. A—R in eights. A 1 and R 8 in the Museum copy are wanting. In Dr. Webster's copy A 1 is wanting, but R 8 has been preserved and is an unprinted leaf used for MS. notes. It is probable that A 1 was blank.

British Museum, and Dr. Webster, M.P., Edgehill, Aberdeen.

LUNDIE, J. Theses Logicæ Praeside J. Lundæo. Aberdoniis, 1626.

4°. Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part II., No. 222.

PSALMS. The Psalms of David in Scottish metre, with a perfect table for xxiii years to come, and an exact calendar for ever. Also, morning and evening prayer together with many others.

Aberdene, Printed by Edward Raban, for David Melvill, 1626.

24°. This is an earlier edition of the Psalms printed at Aberdeen than any recorded by Bibliographers. The earliest hitherto known appears to be that of 1629, which was in Mr. Lea Wilson's collection. In Kennedy's Annals of Aberdeen, an edition of the Prayer-book, with the Psalms in metre, is stated to have been printed there in 1625, but no copy appears to be anywhere recorded, and the earliest mentioned by Dr. Cotton in his list of editions of the Bible is that in the collection of Mr. Lea Wilson, printed in 1629.

B. Quaritch. (*Catalogue.*)

PSALMS. The Psalmes of David in metre. As they are sung in the Churches of Scotland.

Printed in Aberdene, by Edward Raban, for David Melvil. 1626.

12°. A—L 8 in twelves, besides 12 leaves of prefixes.

W. C. Haslitt's Collections and Notes, 1876, pp. 377-8.

SIBBALD, JAMES. Theses | Philosophicae, | Quas propitio numine, | Svb Præsidio Iacobi Sibbaldi, | Adolescentes Magisterii Candidati in | Academia Mareschallana, | Propugnabunt ab Aurora in Meridiem die Vicesimo | primo Iulij, Anno Domini, 1626. | [Woodcut of Arms of the City of Aberdeen.]

Abredoniæ, | ☞Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus,☜ | Anno 1626. |

4°. A, 2 ll. B, 4 ll. C, 2 ll. *Collation.* A1[1] Title, A 1[2]—2[2], pp. 3-4 (p. 3 being on A 2[1]), Dedication to Earl Keith, signed by eight candidates, B 1—C 2 (marked B 2), pp. 6-16 (p. 6 is on B 1[2]), Theses. Printed within woodcut borders.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

1627.

BARON, ROBERT. Dispvtatio | Theologica, | De formali objecto Fidei, | Hoc est, De sacræ Scripturæ Divina, & Cano- | nica Authoritate, | Quam Deo benignè favente, | Robertus Baronius, Ecclesiastes | Abredonensis, & in Academia Mareschal- | lana S. S. T. Professor, | Pro S. S. Theologiæ Doctoratu consequendo, | Ad placidam & piam collationem, mutuamque exercitationem, | in Academia Regia Abredonensi proponet, | Die xxx. Iulii, Anno 1627. | Præside | Clarissimo & Doctissimo Viro, D. Iohanne Forbesio, | S. S. Theologiæ Doctore & Professore dignissimo. |

Abredoniæ, | Excvdebat Edvardvs Rabanvs, | Cum Privilegio, Anno 1627. |

4°. ¶ 2 leaves + A—F 2 in fours. ¶ 1[1] Title, ¶ 1[2] Dedication to Paul Menzies of Kynmundie, Provost, and to the other Magistrates and Council of Aberdeen, ¶ 2 Latin Verses to Baron, signed Gulielmus Iohnstonus, M.D., and "Lectori Christiano," signed M. R. B., A 1—F 2[1], pp. 4[2]—33 [43] (p. 4[2] is on A 1[2]), "Dispvtatio Theologica," F 2[2] is blank. The following errors occur in the pagination—4, 5, for 2, 3; 40, 33, for 42, 43. Printed within woodcut borders.

Dr. Baron did not go unrewarded for his dedication, as we see from the following Extract from the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1626-1627, Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 144.—Item, at command of the magistrattis and counsall, given to Mr. Robert Barron, for defraying of the chairges maid be him in printing of the sermon dedicat to the toune, whan he wes laureate doctor in divinitie, and to gratifie him in some mesure for his dedicatioun, 66 lib. 13s. 4d.

University Library, Aberdeen.

FORBES, PATRICK. Eubulus, | Or | A Dialogve, | Where-in a rugged Romish Ryme, (inscrybed, Catholicke | Questions, to the Protestaut*) is confuted, and | the Questions there-of answered. | By P. A.† |

Answere a Foole to his foolishnesse, lest hee bee wyse in his | owne conceit. Proverbs, 26. 5. |

Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Raban, | Dwelling vpon the Market-place, | At the Towns Arms, 1627. | With Priviledge. |

4°. A—X in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank, A 2, pp. 3-4, Dedication to "Anna, Ladie Gordon," A 3, pp. 5-6, To the Reader, A 4[1] Verses To Philadelphus, A 4[2] The Interlocutors, B 1—X 1, pp. 9-162, Eubulus, X 2, pp. 163-164, A Pastoral Admonition to Repentance (in verse), X 3, pp. 165-166, The Author his Meditation, on the 63 Yeare of his Age, now out-runne (in verse), X 4[1] "Escapes, In Printing," X 4[2] is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

HAY, PETER. An | Advertisement | To the Subjects of Scotland, | Of the fearfull Dangers threatned to Christian States; | And namely, To Great Britane, by the | Ambition of Spayne: | With a Contemplation, of the truest Meanes, to oppose it. | Also, Diverse other Treatises, Touching the present | estate of the Kingdome of Scotland; | Verie necessarie to bee knowne, and considered, | in this Tyme: | Called, | The First Blast of the Trumpet. | Written by Peter Hay, of Navghton, | In North-Britane. |

* It is misspelt so. The title of the "rugged Romish Ryme" is given at greater length on p. 9 of "Eubulus."—"A proper Ballad, contayning Catholicke Questions to the Protestant."

† P.A. = Patricius Aberdonensis, *i.e.*, Patrick Forbes, Bishop of Aberdeen.

In Aberdene, | Printed By Edward Raban, | Cum Privilegio. 1627. |

4°. A—V in fours, except B, which has six leaves. A 1 wanting, probably blank, A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 3—B 1 Dedication to King Charles I., B 2—4 To the Reader, B 5—6[1] Index, B 6[2] blank, C 1—T 3 An Advertisement, T 4—V 4 An Heroicke Song.

British Museum.

LESLIE, Wm. Vindiciæ | Theolo- | gicæ | Pro Perseverantia Sanctorvm | In Gratiâ Salvificâ, | Quas | Auspice Christo Immanuele, | Praeside | Reverendo & Clarissimo Viro | D. Ioanne Forbesio SS. Theologiæ | Doctore, & Professore publico longè meritissimo, | In Antiqva & Inclyta Academia | Regia Aberdonensi | Publicè ventilandas proponit | A.D. IV. Non. Avg. 1627. | Gulielmus Leslæus Collegii | Regii Svb-primarivs, | Pro SS. Theol. Baccalavreatv. | [Motto.]

Aberdoniæ, Excudit Edvardus Rabanus. 1627. |

4°. A, four leaves, or pp. 8. Within woodcut borders. Dedication on verso of Title to Bp. Patrick Forbes.

British Museum.

LUNDIE, J. Theses Logicæ Praeside J. Lundæo. Aberdoniis 1627.

4°. Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part II., No. 222.

SCROGIE, Alex. De Imperfectione | Sanctorvm | In Hac Vita | Theses Theologicæ. | De quibus Deo benigne annuente, Christiana | & publica instituetur *συμβίβασις*, in vetusta | Academia Aberdonensi, |

31. Iulii, Anno 1627. | Pro S.S. Theologiæ Doctoratu. | Praeside Ioanne Forbesio, S. Theol. | Doct. & publico in eadem Professore. | Respondentis partes tuente M. Alexandro Scrogæo, | Verbi Dei Ministro, in Cathedrali Eccle- | sia Aberdonensi. | Aug. de Sp. & Lit. cap. 35. | *Sine exemplo est in hominibus perfecta justitia.* |

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus. | Cum Privilegio. Anno 1627. |

4°. A, four leaves. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2]—A 4[2], pp. 3-8 (p. 3 on A 2), "Theses." Printed within woodcut borders.

University Library, Aberdeen.

SETON, JOHN. Theses | Philosophicae, | Quas auspice ac propitio | D.O.M. | Ioanne Setono Præside, | Adolescentes laureæ Magistralis candidati, | In Academia Mareschallana, | Die [20] Iulii, Anno 1627. | In publico Philosophantium | consessu propugnabunt. | Ab Aurora Ad Meridiem. | [Motto.]

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus. | Cum Privilegio. Anno 1627. |

4°. ¶, 2 ll + A, 4 ll + B, 2 ll. Title, verso blank, ¶ 2 Dedication to Thomas Fraser of Strichen, signed by twelve candidates, A 1—B 2[1] pp. 8-17 (p. 8 is on A 1[2]), Theses, B 2[2] is blank. Printed within borders.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

SIBBALD, JAMES. Theses | Theologicae, | De Primatv B. Petri, | Quàs propitio numine, | Præside Ioanne Forbesio, | S.S. Theologiæ Doctore, & publico | ejusdem in veteri Academia Abre- | donense Professore;

| Ibidem pro S. S. Theologiæ Bacchalaureatu consequendo | propugnabit Iacobvs Sibbaldvs, | Ecclesiastes Abredonensis: | Kal. Augusti, ab Aurora in Meridiem. |

Abredoniae, | Excudit Edvardus Rabanus, | Cum Privilegio, Anno 1627. |

4°. A, four leaves, or pp. 8, Dedication on verso of Title to Bp. P. Forbes. Printed within woodcut borders.

British Museum.

1628.

CALVIN, JOHN. Calvin's Catechisme, or Maner to teach Children the Christian Religion.

Printed by Edward Raban, Aberdene. 1628.

12°. Mentioned in Lowndes' Bibliographer's Manual (Bohn's Edition), p. 352, where it is stated that a copy was sold at Inglis' Sale for 21/-.

JOHNSTON, ARTHUR. Elegiae Dvae: | Vna |- Ad Episcopvm Abredo- | nensem, de Fratris obitu: | Altera | De pace rupta inter Scotos & Gallos. | Autore Arturo Ionstono, Medico Regio. |

Aberdoniæ, Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus. 1628. |

4°. A, 4 ll + B, 2 ll. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank. First Elegy, pp. 3-5 (p. 6 blank). Second Elegy, pp. 7-12.

University Library, Edinburgh.

LYNDSAY, SIR DAVID. The Workes of the Famous, and worthie Knight, Sir David Lindesay of the Movnt, alias Lion, King of Armes. Truelie

corrected, and vindicated from the former Errours, and now justly printed according to the Author's true Copie. . . .

Aberdene, Imprinted by Edward Raban, for David Melvill. 1628.

8°. A—X in eights. Black Letter. Mr. Huth's Cataloguer remarks upon this book as follows:—"From Mr. George Smith's collection. The only copy known of this edition. It is in fine condition with rough leaves throughout." The book has no textual value, being a reprint of some earlier edition, and has no preliminary matter, except the prologue. The Table of Contents is printed on the verso of the Title. For a long time I believed Mr. Huth's copy to be unique, but in August, 1882, one was sold at Sotheby's, to Pickering & Co., for £23.

Huth Library.

SIBBALD, J. Theses Theologicæ J. Sibbaldi, sub præsidio J. Forbesii.

Aberdoniæ. 1628.

4°. Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part I., No. 1281.

1629.

FORBES, JOHN. Irenicum | Amatoribvs | Veritatis Et | Pacis In Eccle- | sia Scoticana. | Prece & studio | Ioannis Forbesii, SS. Theologiæ | Doctoris, & ejusdem Professoris | in Academia Aberdoniensi. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdoniæ, | Excvdebat Edvardvs Rabanvs. | Cum Privilegio. 1629. |

4°. ¶, 2 ll + A—Nnn 2 in fours. ¶ 1[1] Title, verso blank, ¶ 2 Dedication to Bishop Patrick Forbes, A 1[1]—2[1], pp. 1-3, "Lectori," A 2[2]—4[2], pp. 4-8, Index, B 1[1]—2[1], pp. 9-11, "Aporiæ," B 2[2] is blank, B 3—Mmm 4[1],

pp. 13-463, Irenicum, Mmm 4[a]—Nnn 2[1] Errata, Nnn 2[2] is blank. The fourth leaf of signature D is marked D 3, and the following errors in paging occur—451, for 151; 331, for 321; 334-338, for 324-328. A second edition of this work appeared in 1636, which see under that date.

University Library, Aberdeen.

PSALMS. The CL. Psalmes of the Princelie Prophet David, In English Metre. According as they are sung in the Chvrch of Scotland. With manie Godlie Prayers, as well for Morning and Evening, as also before and after Sermons, and the Holie Communion, and for everie person: with a perfect Table of Psalms. . . .

Printed in Aberdene, By Edward Raban, For David Melvill. Anno Domini 1629.

4°. A—L in fours. Printed in two columns, small type, without the music.

W. C. Hazlitt's Notes and Collections, 2nd *Series.*

PSALMS. The Psalms of David in Prose and Metre, According to the Church of Scotland.

Printed in Aberdene, by Edward Raban, for David Melvill. 1629.

16°. The Prose is Genevan Version; the Metrical, Sternhold. The volume contains the Scottish Liturgy and a Kalendar.

I have copied this entry from "Bibles, &c., in the Collection of Lea Wilson, Esq., 1845," p. 248. No complete copy has as yet come under my inspection, but the following account of a Psalter printed by Raban, unfortunately wanting the titlepage, agrees with the description of Mr. Lea Wilson's book of 1629. It is the only edition in 16° that I have met with.—

[Small Book of Common Order with Psalms in Prose and Metre, with the Tunes, followed by Prayers.]

16°. 8 ll+¶, ¶¶, A—Ff in eights. First two leaves containing Title, and Jan. and Feb. of the Kalendar are wanting. 5 ll. Kalendar, March-December. 1 leaf+¶ 1—¶¶ 3² Book of Common Order. At foot of ¶¶ 3²—Here follow the Common Tunes | in foure parts, in more perfect | forme than ever heere-to-fore: | Together with the Tunes to the | whole Psalmes, diligently | revised and amended, | By the most expert | Musicians in | Aberdene. | ¶¶ 4—A 3¹ The Tunes, A 3² Doxologies, A 4—Dd 7¹ "Davids Psalms In Prose and Metre," Dd 7²—[Ff 2¹] Ten Commandments, &c., in Metre, [Ff 2²]—Ff 3¹ The Table, Ff 3²—[Ff 8] Prayers. Ff 2, 7, & 8, are wanting in the copy examined.

MS. note in the volume—"The small book of common order. Printed by Raban at Aberdeen about 1632.* Purchased at the Burton Sale, 1881."

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

PSALMS. The Psalmes of David in Meter, according as they are Sung in the Church of Scotland. Aberdeene, Raban for David Melvil, 1629.

12°. This may be a repetition of the last entry, but I have thought it right to give the Cataloguer of Sir Robert Gordon's Library the benefit of the doubt. From the description it would appear to be the Metrical version only.

Gordonstoun Catalogue, No. 1724.

RAMSAY, DAVID. A Sermon, | Or | Little Treatise, | Vpon the three last verses of the seaven- | teenth Chapter of Devteronomie. | Directed to the Kings most excellent | Majestie. | Compyled by Mr David Ramsay, Preacher | of Gods Word at Cortoqvhie. |

Aberdene, | Imprimted (*sic.*) By Edward Raban, | With Priviledge, 1629. |

* The only edition of 1632 of which I can find any trace is one in 12°, without either the *prose version* or the *music*.

4°. A—I in fours. A 1 is blank, A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] Woodcut of Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 3—I 3 A Sermon, &c., I 4 is blank.

British Museum.

SCROGIE, A. Theses Theologicæ, A. Scrogæi, sub præsidio J. Forbesii.

Aberdoniæ, 1629.

4°. Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part I., No. 1281.

SULTON, EDWARD. A Caution for the credulous. Of the serpent anatomized, or flattery unmasked. [Sermon on Prov. xxvi. 25.]

Aberdene, Printed by Edward Raban, 1629.

4°. Reprinted Edinburgh, 1696. See Notes and Queries, 6th S. IV. 535, V. 74.

1630.

BARON, ROBERT. Theses Theologicæ Roberti Baronii, sub præsidio J. Forbesii.

Aberdoniæ, Eduardus Rabanus, 1630.

4°. Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part I., No. 1281.

BEVIS OF HAMPTON. The Historie of Sir Bevis of South-Hampton.

Printed in Aberdene, by Edward Raban, For David Melvill, 1630.

8°. A—I in eights, or 72 leaves. Black Letter. The running title is The Historie of Bevis of Hampton. The only copy known of this edition is that in the Huth Library. It was purchased at the Sale of

Mr. George Daniel's Library, in July, 1864, for the sum of £21. It bears the following MS. note by Mr. Daniel, written in 1838:—"An edition of extraordinary rarity of this ancient metrical Romance. I cannot trace another copy in any catalogue, nor have I found a collector or bookseller, who ever saw one . . . This copy was purchased by a Stationer's Traveller in Aberdeen, and sold to me."

Through the kindness of Dr. Webster, M.P., I am permitted to print a letter to him from the late Dr. David Laing, relating to this very rare volume:—

Signet Library. Edinburgh. Sept. 27, 1864. Dear Sir, On returning home from wandering about I received your letter of the 20th ult. It so happened I was in London during part of Daniel's Sale, but was too late to see either the Sir Bevis of Hampton, or the Black Letter Ballads sold. I also had cast a longing eye on the former, but knowing that it was all but hopeless the chance of getting it, I wrote to ascertain how far it corresponded with the English Version, of which a copy was in the same sale. As Raban's edition proved to be a modernized copy of the old English Metrical Romance, it had little intrinsic value. I had seen the book many years ago in Mr. Daniel's possession, and as a typographical curiosity, it would have been a desirable acquisition, and no other copy is known. If I remember, he told me it cost him a guinea, having been picked up at Aberdeen for one shilling. The books at that sale have fetched most preposterous prices.

Yours very truly,

D. LAING.

Huth Library.

CICERO. Marci Tvllii | Ciceronis, | Epistolarvm | Libri Quatuor, | A Ioanne Sturmio, | Puerilis educationis causa selecti, | Et ad castigatissima Ciceronis exem- | plaria recens collati. | Quibus adjecta est etiam difficiliorum locorum | brevis explanatio, ex Francisci Ivnii, | Pavli Manvtii, Simeonis Bo- | sii Commentarijs descripta. | Per I. R.* | [Woodcut of crowned thistle, with initials E. R.]

* John Rae.

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Edvardvs Rabanvs, | Impensis Davidis Melvill. 1630. |

8°. A—E in eights. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] John Rae's Dedication "Patricio Gallova, & Joanni Hall, Ecclesiæ Edinburgenæ Pastoribus," A 2—E 7, pp. 4-78 (p. 4 is on A 2[2]), the selections, E 8[1] Tabula Non. Id. Kalend. perpetua, E 8[2] Woodcut of Unicorn supporting shield with three towers.* Page 11 is marked 33.

University Library, Aberdeen.

GUILD, WILLIAM. Limbo's | Batterie, | or, | An Answere, to a Popish Pamphlet, | Of | Christs descense to Hell: | Where-in what can bee alleadged, for the | locall descending of His Soule thither, af- | ter His Suffering, to liberate the Pa- | triarches, out of anie Limbvs, | is clearlie refuted: | Extorted at last, to a more publicke view, | By William Gvild. | [Mottoes.]

Anno 1630. | Aberdene, Printed by Edward Raban. |

8°. A—M in eights. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 2—4, pp. 3-8, Dedication to James, Lord Deskford, A 5—8, pp. 9-14, To the Reader, A 8, pp. 15-16, Contents, B 1—4, pp. 17-24, A Popish Demand, B 5—M 6, pp. 25-188, Limbo's Batterie (H 4 is marked G 4), M 7[1] Woodcut of Unicorn supporting shield with three towers, M 7[2] Woodcut of Fleur de Lys, M 8[1] Woodcut, oval device, M 8[2] Emblematic Woodcut of two clasped hands, with flaming heart above, surrounded with the motto GHE TROV IN ALLES. [? ALTES.] Printed within lines.

University Library, Aberdeen.

HENRY THE MINSTREL. The | Lyfe and Acts of the | most famous and valiant | Champion, | Sir William Wallace, | Knight of Ellerslie: | Mayntayner

* The Arms of the City of Aberdeen are here represented in a form unnoticed by any previous writer on the subject. There is no motto or scroll.

of the Libertie of Scotland. | [Quotation from Cicero, de Finibus.]

Aberdene, | ¶ Printed by Edward Raban, for | David Melvill. 1630. |

8°. A—Aa in eights. Black Letter. A 1 is wanting, probably blank. A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] is blank, A 3—A 8[1], pp. 6-15 (p. 6 on A 3[2]), Introduction, A 8[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, B—Aa 5 in eights, pp. 2-362 (p. 2 on B 1[2]), The Acts and Deedes of Sir William Wallace, in black letter, Aa 6[1] The Conclvsion of this Booke, Aa 6[2]—7[2] Table of the Contents, Aa 8 is blank. Errors in paging—27, for 127; 161, for 145; 164-5, for 148-9; 168-9, for 152-3; 172-3, for 156-7; 176, for 160; 895, for 195; 26, for 267.

British Museum.

OVIDIUS. P. Ovidii | Nasonis | Metamor- | phoseωn | Libri XV. | 1 | Editio prioribus & castigatior & auctior. | 2 | Reliqua proximè sequens pagella indicabit. | [Woodcut of crowned thistle, with initials E. R.]

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Edvardvs Rabanvs, | Impensis Davidis Melvill. 1630. |

8°. A—Dd in eights. A 1[1] Woodcut of Scottish Arms, A 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] Note concerning the Editors, A 3—7[1], pp. 6-13 (p. 6 is on A 3[2]), "Transform. series compendio excerpta," A 7[2] is blank, A 8—Dd 5[1], pp. 16- 425 (p. 16 is on A 8[2]), Metamorphoses, Dd 5[2]—8[2], pp. 427-432 (p. 427 is on Dd 6[1]), Index. The text is printed in Italics. Pages 56-57 are marked 58-59.

University Library, Aberdeen.

SETON, JOHN. Theses. | Philosophicae, | Quas Dei Opt. Max. | ductu & auspiciis, | Ioanne Setono Præside, | Adolescentes Magisterii Candidati, in

Academia | Mareschallana, die xxiij. Iulij, | Anno Domini 1630. | In Clarissimorum Philosophorum Consessu, | Propugnabunt, ab Aurora ad Meridiem. | [Motto.]

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Edvardvs Rabanus, | Anno 1630. | Cvm Privilegio. |

4°. a, 2ll. b, 4 ll. c, 2 ll. a 1[1] Title, a 1[2]—2[2], pp. 3-4 (p. 3 is on a2[1]), Dedication to Sir Thomas Hope of Craighall, b1[1]—c2[2], pp. 6-12 (p. 6 is on b 1[2], and p. 12 on b 4[2]), Theses, sig. c is not paged. Printed within borders.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

1631.

BARON, ROBERT. Ad Georgii Turnebulli | Tetragonismvm | Psevdographvm | Apodixis Catholica, | Sive | Apologia pro Disputatione de For- | mali Objecto Fidei; | In qua | Variæ, eæque utilissimæ quæstiones de Analysi fidei, Au- | thoritate Papæ & Conciliorum, Ordine credendi, | Primo Credibili, Ratione investigandi veram Ec- | clesiam, Circulo Pontificiorum, Communibus fidei | motivis, Miraculis, Traditionibus, deq; fundamen- | to illius fidei quâ S. Script. authoritas creditur, | perspicuè tractantur & explicantur. | Authore Roberto Baronio, Eccle- | siaste Abredonensi, S.S. Theo- | logiæ Doctore, & ejusdem in Aca- | demia Mareschallana | Professore. |

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus. 1631. |

8°. A—EEE 4 in eights. A 1 is blank, A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] is blank, A 3—8[1], pp. 6-15 (p. 6 is on A 3[2]), Dedication to Bishop Patrick Forbes, A 8[2]—B 1, pp. 17-18 (p. 17 is on B 1[1]), Francisco Hayo, Erroliæ Comitis

Filio, B 2—3, pp. 20-22 (p. 20 is on B 2^2), Epistola ad Turnebullum, B 4—6, pp. 24-28 (p. 24 is on B 4^2), Index, B 6^2—7^1, pp. 28-29, Latin verses to Baron, by Arthur Johnston and William Johnston, B 7^2—8, pp. 31-32 (p. 31 is on B 8^1), "Ad Lectorem," and "Errata," C 1—EEE 4, pp. 34-808 (p. 34 is on C 1^2), the Disputation. E 3 is marked D 3, and RR 4 is marked RR 7.

University Library, Aberdeen.

CRAIG, ALEXANDER. The Pilgrime and Heremite. In forme of a Dialogue. By Master Alexander Craig. Imprinted in Aberdene by Edward Raban, for David Melvill, 1631.

4°. Black Letter. 16 ll. A Poem, Dedicated "To the Right Honovrable wyse and vertuouslie disposed Gentleman William Forbes of Tolqvhoun," by Robert Skene, the Editor of this posthumous book. A copy was sold at Jolley's Sale in 1844 (sig. B. wanting), for £4 6s., and was bought for W. H. Miller, Esq., and is now at Britwell. At that time it was supposed to be unique.

W. C. Hazlitt's Handbook of Popular and Dramatic Literature.

FORBES, JOHN. Gemitus | Ecclesiæ Scoticanæ, | Sive | Tractatvs | De Sacrilegio. | Ex libro octavo Theologiæ Moralis, | Ioannis Forbesii, SS. Theol. Doctoris, & ejusdem | Professoris in Academia Aberdoniensi. | Proverb 20. 25. 26. Matth. 22. 21. Chrysost. Comment. Matth. | [Quoted. Thistle woodcut, with E. R.] Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus, 1631. | Cum Privilegio. |

4°. A—G 2 in fours. A 1^1 Title, verso blank, A 2 Dedication to John Spotswood, Archbishop of St. Andrews, A 3—F 4^1, pp. 6-47 (p. 6 is on A 3^2), Tractatus De Sacrilegio, F 4^2 is blank, G 1 (one folio) John Knox's Letter (in Latin) to the Assembly at Sterling, 3rd Augt., 1571, G 2 (one folio) Translation of Knox's Letter. The last two leaves have no paging.

University Library, Aberdeen.

LUNDIE, JOHN. Oratio | Evcharistica | & | Encomiastica, | In benevolos Vniversitatis Aberdonen- | sis Benefactores, Fautores, & Patronos; | A Ioanne Lundæo, Humaniorum Litera- | rum Professore. | Habita xxvij. Iul. 1631. ┤

Clamant Iusti, exaudit Dominvs, eosque liberat ex | *omnibus molestiis.* Psal. xxxiv. 17. | [Thistle woodcut.]

Aberdoniis, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus, 1631. |

4°. A—C in fours. A 1 is blank, A 2^1 Title, A 2^2 is blank, A 3—B 3, pp. 6-14 (p. 6 is on A 3^2), "Oratio Evcharistica," B 4—C 1^1, pp. 16-17 (p. 16 is on B 4^2), Latin Address to Dr. Alexander Reid, signed by twelve alumni of the University, C 1^2—C 4^1, pp. 22-23 (p. 22 is on C 3^2, marked A 4), Latin verses to the same, C 4^2 is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

LUNDIE, JOHN. Theses Theologicæ Joannis Lundæi, sub præsidio Joannis Forbesii.

Aberdoniæ, E. Rabanus, 1631.

4°. Dr. David Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part I., No. 1281.

SETON, JOHN. Theses | Philosophicae, | Quas Auspice ac Propitio | D.O.M. | Adolescentes Magisterii Candidati, in Academia | Mareschallana, die * Iulii, Anno 1631. | Publice propugnabunt, ab aurora ad meridiem. | Præside Ioanne Setono. |

Nisi inter eos qui disceptant conveniat, quid sit illud de quo | *ambigitur, non rectè disseri, nec unquam ad exitum per-* | *veniri potest.* Cic. ad M. Brut. Orat. | [Thistle woodcut.]

* Date not filled in.

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus. 1631. |

4°. A—E, two leaves each. A 1[1] Title, verso blank, A 2 (one folio) Dedication, signed by eleven candidates, B 1—E 2 Theses. The pagination stops at D 2[2], or pp. 6-16 (p. 6 is on B 1[2]). The last sheet has neither paging nor running title. Printed within borders. The Theses are in Italics.

University Library, Aberdeen.

STRACHAN, ANDREW. Panegyri- | cvs Inavgvralis, | Quo Autores, Vindices, & Evergetæ Il- | lustris Vniversitatis Aberdonensis | Iustis elogiis ornabantur: | Publicè dictus in Auditorio Maximo Collegii Regii ejusdem | Vniversitatis, 7. Kal. Sextil, Anno 1630. | Quo Die Candidati Magisterii in Philosophia & Ar- | tibus ad gradum illum promovebantur. | Huic adjecta est Coronis, Laudes exhibens Viri Clarissimi D. | D. Alexandri Rhædi, Doctoris Medicinæ Ex- | cellentiss. recentis Benefactoris munificentiss. | [Motto.]

Aberdoniis, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus, | Anno Domini 1631. |

4°. A—F 2 in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2]—A 2[2], pp. 3-4 (p. 3 is on A 2[1]), Dedication to Bp. P. Forbes, signed "Andreas Strachanus, Physiolog. & inferiorum Mathematum Professor," A 3—F 1[1], pp. 6-41 (p. 6 is on A 3[2]), "Panegyricvs Inavgvralis," by Andrew Strachan, F 1[2] Greek Verses, F 2 is blank. Errors in the pagination—25 for 17; 28, 29, for 20, 21; 32, for 24.

University Library, Aberdeen.

STRACHAN, ANDREW. Schediasmata | Philosophica, | De quibus A.P.D.O.M | Publica & solennis συζήτησις instituetur | 15. Kalend. Sextil. horis

pomeridianis, | In publico auditorio Academiae Regiæ Aberdonensis: | Respondentibus Magisterii Philosophici Candidatis. | Praeside Andrea Strachano. |

Terent. Maur.

Fronte exile negotium,

Et dignum pueris putes. [Woodcut of Thistle.]

Aberdoniis, | Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus, 1631. | Cum Privilegio. |

4°. Title + A, two leaves + B—E 3 in fours. Dedication to George Gordon, Marquess of Huntly, signed by twelve candidates, on verso of Title, and continued on sig. A, in all [5] pp., B 1—E 3, pp. 1-30 (p. 29 is marked 23), Theses. Printed within borders.

University Library, Aberdeen.

1632.

ALMANAC. Prognostication for this Yeare since Christ's birth, 1632, most especially and truly calculated for the whole Kingdome of Scotland, &c.

Aberdene, E. Raban, 1632.

12°. Sale Catalogue of the Gordonstoun Library, No. 74.

FORBES, JOHN. Theologiae | Moralis, | Liber Octavus: | In Qvo | Octavum Præceptum [Non Furaberis] | quadripertita dissertatione exponitur. | Prece & studio | Ioannis Forbesii, SS. Theol. D. & ejusdem | Professoris in Academia Aberdoniensi. | 1. Corinth. 6. 10. | [Quoted.] Ambros. l. 3. de offic. c. 5. | Nihil expetendum est, nisi quod honestum, | [Crowned Thistle woodcut.]

Aberdoniæ, | Excudit Edvardus Rabanus. 1632. | Cum Privilegio. |

4°. A—H 2 in fours. A 1 blank, A 2 Title, verso blank, A 3, pp. [5]-6, Dedication to Alexander Forbes, Baron Pitsligo, A 4, pp. [7]-8, Index, B—H 2, pp. 10-60 (p. 10 is on B 1^2), "Tractatus de Furto."

University Library, Aberdeen.

FORBES, JOHN. Secvnda Pars | Libri Octavi Theolo- | giæ Moralis, | Sive | Tractatvs | De Simonia. | Ubi etiam | De Iure Patronatus. | Prece & studio | Ioannis Forbesii, SS. Theologiæ Doctoris, & ejusdem, in | Academia Aberdoniensi, Professoris Ecclesiastici. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdoniæ, | Excudit Edwardus Rabanus, Cum Privilegio, 1632. |

4°. ¶, four leaves + A—I in fours. ¶ 1 is blank, ¶ 2^1 Title, ¶ 2^2—4^2, pp. 5-8 (p. 5 is on ¶ 3^1), Dedication to Abp. Spotswood, and Index, A—I 3, pp. 2-70 (p. 2 is on A 1^2), "Tractatvs De Simonia," I 4 is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

JOHNSTON, ARTHUR. Epigrammata | Arturi Ionstoni | Scoti, | Medici Regii. |

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus. | Cum Privilegio. 1632. |

8°. A—C in eights. C 8 is wanting, probably blank.

British Museum.

JOHNSTON, ARTHUR. Parerga | Artvri Ionstoni | Scoti, | Medici Regii. |

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus. | Cum Privilegio. 1632. |

8°. A—H in eights.

British Museum.

PSALMS. The | Psalmes | Of David | In Metre, | According to the Church | of Scotland. | With a Table, and Kalendar, | for xix. yeares. | Newly calculated, and made perfect, | from the former Errours. | Also, Morning and Evening Prayers, | with manie others, for all persons, | and purposes. |

Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Raban, | for David Melvill, 1632. |

12°. Eight leaves + B—N 4 in twelves. Title within borders, with Kalendar of the Epact on verso. Six folios, the Kalendar within borders, with a verse applicable to the month at the top of each page. One folio, Prayers.

B 1[1] Title, "The | Psalmes | Of David | In Metre. | According as they are | sung in the Church | of Scotland. | Ephes. 5. 18. 19. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Raban, for David | Melvill. 1632. | "

B 1[2] "The Argument," B 2—M 12[1] Psalms, M 12[2] The Lamentation of a Sinner, N 1—4 Morning Prayers, &c. There is no paging.

The copy examined in the Bodleian Library was defective; Signature N, or the last four leaves were wanting. I was, however, fortunate in discovering them bound up with Gerard's Meditations, printed by Raban in 1637, which had been purchased at Dr. J. Hill Burton's Sale. The Psalter to which they belonged formed part of the Montague bequest. In Lea Wilson's Catalogue, p. 249, a copy is described as 18°, which I have little doubt is the same edition as this.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. A Short Introduction to Grammar.

Aberdeen. 1632.

8°. Dr. Joseph Robertson in his sketch of Wedderburne's Life and Writings in the "Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff," p. 62, gives the above on the authority of Ruddiman's Bibliotheca Romana, Edinb., 1757, 8°., p. 62. This is an earlier edition of the one described below, printed in 1637, but as yet I have failed to trace a copy dated 1632.

The great trouble Wedderburne experienced in the publication of his grammar, as will be seen from the following extracts, arose out of an order of certain commissioners appointed by Parliament. In 1612 it was ordained by these commissioners that the Grammatica Nova of Alexander Hume be used exclusively in the schools of Scotland. In consequence of this, we find in the Council Register of Aberdeen, that on the fourteenth of July, 1630, "the prouest, baillies, and counsall ordaines the soume of fourtie pundis to be given to Mr. Dauid Wedderburne, maister of the Grammer schole, for making his chairges to Edinburgh, being chairgeit to compeir befor the Lordis of Privie Counsall, anent the new grammer set out be Mr. Alexander Hume, quhilk soume they ordaine to be peyit to the said Mr. Dauid, be Robert Skeine, thesaurer, and the same to be allowit to him in his comptis." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-1642, p. 29.]

Wedderburne on that occasion requested permission to print his own Grammar, but it does not appear to have been granted, for, on the first of December, 1630, "the prouest, baillies, and counsell haveand consideratioun that the new grammer laitlie reformed be Mr. David Wedderburne, maister of the grammer schuile of this burghe, can nather be printit nor publishit for the vse of yong sholares, whome the same concernis, vnto the tyme the same resaive approbatioune from the Lordis of Counsall: thairfoir thay have thocht meit and expedient that the said Mr. David address himself with the said wark to Edinburgh, in all convenient diligence for procuring the saidis Lordis thair approbatioun thairto, and ordaines the soume of ane hundreth pundis money to be debursit to him be the tounes thesaurer for making of his expenssis in the said erand." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-1642, p. 32.]

The required approbation was difficult to "purches," for on the thirtieth of March, 1631, the town council "gives and grantis to Mr. David Wedderburne, maister of thair grammer schole, the soume of ane hundreth merkis money to help to defray the greit chairges quhairin he hes bein drawin be his long attendance in Edinburgh, Sanctandrews, and Glasgow, in the purches and obteining of the councel and clergies of this kingdome, thair approbatioun and allowance to his new reformed grammer, to be payit to him be Alex. Stewart, thesaurer, quhilk soume they ordane to be allowit to the said thesaurer in his comptis." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-1642, p. 35.]

At last the book was printed and published, for we learn from another entry in the Council Register, that on the twelfth of September, 1632, "the prouest, baillies, and counsall, givis and grantis to Mr Dauid Wedderburne, maister of the grammer schole of this burghe, the soume

of twa hundreth merkis Scottis money, for printing of the new grammer laitlie set out be him be resone of his dedicatioun of the same to the magistrattis and counsall, whilk soume they ordaine to be payit to the said Mr Dauid be George Moresone, deane of gild, and the same to be allowit to the said deane of gild in his comptis." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-1642, p. 50.]

Not contented with permission to use the Grammar in his native city, we find him trying to obtain the same monopoly for his work which had been granted to Hume's Grammar. On the twenty-eighth of June, 1633, the parliament referred to a committee of the lords of the privy council, "ane petitioun givin in be Maister Dauid Wedderburne Maister of the Grammer Skoole of Abirdeine desyring that the Short and Facile Grammer drawn vp be him and his paines may be allowit and ordanit to be taucht vniuersallie through all the skooles of the kingdome of Scotland and all vthers grammers dischargit to be taught withine the samyne." [Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, Vol. V., p. 48, Thomson's edition.]

The following entries in the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen refer to the orders of the Town Council quoted above. [Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., pp. 148, 149, 104.]

1630-1631. Item, be ordinance of counsell, of the dait the penult of Merche, 1631, delyuerit to Mr. Dauid Wedderburne, maister of the grammer scool, in help of his expenssis, be reasone of his long stay in Edinbrugh upon the approbatioun of his new graimer, 66 lib. 13s. 4d.

1631-1632. Item, be vertew of ane ordinance of counsall, of the dait the aucht day of Februar, 1632, debursit to Mr. Dauid Wedderburne, maister of the grammer schoole, for making of his chairges to Edinbrugh, to procure the lordis of secret counsall thair approbatioun to the new grammer laitlie set furth be him, 100 lib.

1632-1633. Item, giwen to Mr. Dauid Wedderburne, att the counsells command, for helping to print his grammer, 100 lib.

1633.

BARON, ROBERT. On the Arrival of King Charles in Scotland, with poems on the Coronation. By Dr. Baron.

Aberdeen. Printed by E. Raban, 1633.

Mentioned in Kennedy's Annals of Aberdeen, Vol. I., p. 175, where it is said to have been dedicated to the Magistrates and Council.

The only other authority I can find is the following entry in the Council Register:—"Nineteenth June, 1633, the said day the baillies and counsall ordainis Charles Keilo, thesaurar, to deburse the soume of ane hundreth and allevin pundis money to Eduard Raban, printer, for printing of ane buik dedicat be Doctour Barron to the counsall, and alse for printing of some poiesies writtin be Mr Dauid Wedderburn and Mr George Robertsone, wpoun the kingis maiesties comeing to this his ancient kingdome, and salbe allowit to the said thessaurar in his comptis." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-1642, p. 60.]

BARON, ROBERT. Disputatio | Theologica, | De vero discrimine peccati mortalis & | venialis, deque impossibilitate implendi | legem Dei ob quotidianam pecca- | torum venialium incursionem. | Cvi | Annexa est Appendix de possibilitate | præstandi legem consideratam se- | cundum ἐπιείκειαν Evangelicam. | Authore Roberto Baronio, Eccle- | siaste Abredonensi, S.S. Theo- | logiæ Doctore, & ejusdem in Aca- | demia Marescallana | Professore. | [Mottoes.]

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus. 1633. |

8°. A, four leaves + B—N 4 in eights. A 1 is blank, A 2 Title, verso blank, A 3—4[1], pp. [3], Dedication to Provost Paul Menzies and the other Magistrates and Councillors of Aberdeen, A 4[2] "Præmonitio ad Lectorem," B—M in eights, pp. 2-176 (p. 2 is on B 1[2]), "Disputatio Theologica, &c.," N 1, one folio, "Paragraphus omissus," N 2—4[1], pp. [5], Index, N 4[2] is blank. There is no paging after p. 176.

An entry of considerable interest in connection with this book occurs in the Extracts from the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1632-1633, Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 150:—Item, debursit for sevin rym of paper, coft be Eduard Raban from Robert Cruikshank, for printing of Doctor Barrones buik dedicat to the town, at command of the counsall, 21 lib.

University Library, Aberdeen.

GUILD, WILLIAM. The | Hvmble Addresse | Both of Church and Poore, | To the Sacred Maiestie of Great | Britanes Monarch. | For a just redresse of the Uniting of Churches, | and the Ruine of Hospitalls. | By William Guild, Minister of Aberdene. | Psal. xx. 9. [Quoted.]

Imprinted in Aberdene, by Edward | Raban, 1633. |

4°. A, two leaves, B, five leaves, C, two leaves. The running title of pp. 9-15 is "Issachars Asse," which we have already noticed as printed in 1622. That tract is incorporated almost entirely in the "Hvmble Addresse."

British Museum.

LEECH, DAVID. Positiones Nonnullæ | Philosophicae, | Quas Spiritu Sancto Præside, | Ingenui aliquot Adolescentes Universitatis | Abredonensis Alumni, curriculum | Philosophicum emensi, | Et hac vice cum Laureâ emittendi, in Acroaterio | Collegii Regii Maximo; | Ad * diem Iulij, horis pomeridianis, pro | virili propugnabunt. | Davide Leochæo *συζητήσιν* moderante. | *Βέλτιον ἄγνοεῖν καλῶς, ἢ μάνθανειν κακῶς.* | [Woodcut of Crowned Thistle.]

Abredoniæ, Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus, 1633. |

4°. Title + A—E, two leaves each. *Collation.* I think a blank leaf preceded the title, which is now a single leaf, as it is required to complete the number of pages. Title, verso blank, A 1—2 (marked 2—3), pp. 6-8 (p. 6 is on A 1^2), Dedication to Dr. Alexander Rae, signed by fifteen candidates, B—E, pp. 10-24 (p. 10 is on B 1^2), Theses. Printed within woodcut borders.

University Library, Aberdeen.

* Date left blank.

MERSER, WILLIAM. 4th June, 1633. The prouest, baillies, and counsall grantis twa hundreth merkis money to Williame Merser, musician, for defraying of the chairges bestowit be him in printing of a poesie whilk he hed laitlie composit and dedicat to the toune. . . .

Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-1642, p. 59.

PSALMS. The | Psalms | Of David, | In Prose And Metre: | With the whole Forme of Discipline, and | Prayers, according to the Church | of Scotland. | The Psalms in Prose being of the Last Trans- | lation; translated by the speciall Comman- | dement of King Iames the sixt, 1610. | I. Corinth. III. xj. | Other Foundation can no man lay, than that is layde | alreadie; which is, Iesus Christ. |

Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Raban, 1633. | For David Melvill. |

8°. Eight leaves + A—RR in eights. *Collation.* 8 ll. preliminary, viz.:—1, "The Compilers of the English Common-prayer booke," verso blank, 2, Title, within woodcut border, Kalendar of the Epact; &c., on verso. 3—8, Kalendar. A—M 5 [marked L 5] in eights, pp. 18-202 (p. 18 is on A 1²), "Forme of Discipline," and "Prayers," M 6—N 5¹ Common Tones, N 5² Doxologies.

N 6¹ Title, "The | Psames (*sic.*) | Of David, | In Prose and Metre; | According to the Church of Scotland. | The Psalms in Prose, on the Margine, according | to the New Translation, 1610. | Psal. 96. 1. 2. | [Quoted. Woodcut of King David playing the Harp.]

In Aberdene, | Imprinted by Edward Raban, | for David Melvill, 1633. | With Priviledge. | "

N 6² The Argvment, N 7—QQ 2¹ Psalms, QQ 2¹—RR 2¹ Ten Commandments, Creed, &c., in metre, RR 2²—RR 4² The Table, RR 5¹—RR 8¹ Morning and Evening Prayers, RR 8² is blank. There is no paging after

M 5. A very fine copy examined by me in the Bodleian Library has a variation from the collation of the British Museum copy given above. The first leaf in the Oxford copy, which was in the original binding and in excellent preservation, was blank. The copy described by Mr. Hazlitt in "Collections and Notes, 2nd Series," had only seven preliminary leaves.

British Museum.

PSALMS. The Psa[l]mes of David, In Prose and Metre; According to the Church of Scotland. . . .

In Aberdene, Imprinted by Edward Raban, for David Melvill, 1633. With Priviledge.

8°. A—Rr4 in eights. With the music. The above appears in Mr. Hazlitt's "Collections and Notes, 2nd Series." I have included it, but I fear it is a copy of the preceding misdescribed.

RAMSAY, DAVID. Sermon on the three last verses of the Seventh* Chapter of Deuteronomie.

Aberdene, 1633.

Mentioned in Heber's Sale Catalogue, 1835, Part V., p. 158. A second or later edition of that printed in 1629.

ROBERTSON, GEORGE. Serenissimi Et | Potentissimi | Monarchæ, | Caroli, | Dei Gratia, Magnæ | Britanniæ, Galliæ, | Et Hiberniæ Regis, | Fidei Defensoris, &c. | Comitia, Calata, Pacifica, Scoticana, Edini | habita, Mense Iunio, CIↃ DC XXXIII. | Authore Georgio Robertsono, Abredonano. |

Si fieri posset, quantum in vobis est, pacem cum omnibus habete. |

* Seventeenth (?.)

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus. 1633. |

4°. A—B in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Verses to Provost Paul Menzies of Kinmundy, A 2—B 4, pp. 3-16, Comitia Calata Scoticana. In Verse. Printed in Italics.

University Library, Aberdeen.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Institutiones | Grammaticae, | In tres partes distributæ. | Quarum | 1. 2. 3. { De { Etymologia, Syntaxi, Orthographia | & | Prosodia. | Quibus Succedit | Partis quartæ Supplementum. | Editio secunda. |

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus, 1633. | Cum Privilegio. |

8°. A, four leaves + B—K 3 in eights. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Latin verses "Dominis Commissionariis Burgorum Regni Scotiæ," A 2, one folio, Dedication to Provost Paul Menzies, A 3[1] Latin verses "Johnstoni Suffragium," A 3[2]—4[1] Letter signed "Alexander Lunanus," A 4[2] "Ad Lectorem," B—K 2, pp. 2-132 (p. 2 is on B 1[2]), the Grammar, K 3 Accessio de Incrementis. The termination is doubtful; there may have been another printed leaf, viz.—K 4. Hazlitt in "Collections and Notes, 2nd Series," gives the collation as A, 4 ll, B—K 4 in eights. The above is one of a few misdated copies of the second edition. The book was originally published in 1634, and a second edition in 1635. I have not yet met with a copy of the latter with the true date, the former will be found under 1634.

British Museum.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Vivat Rex, | Seu | Προσευκτικὸν pro incolumitate Serenissimi Regis | Caroli, | Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ et | Hiberniæ Regis, Fidei Defensoris, | Ejusque felice in Scotiâ

inauguratione. | Cicero. | Vita brevis, cursus gloriæ sempiternus. | [Woodcut of Crowned Thistle, with the initials E. R.]

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus. 1633. |

4°. A, four leaves, B, two leaves. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Verses "Serenissimo Regi," signed David Wedderburnus, A 2—B 1[1], pp. 4-9 (p. 4 is on B 1[2]), "Vivat Rex," B 1[2] and B 2 blank. In verse; signed at foot of p. 9, "D. W."

University Library, Aberdeen.

1634.

LEECH, DAVID. Positiones Philosophicæ, D. Leochæo Moderante.

Aberdoniis, E. Rabanus, 1634.

4°. Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part II., No. 222.

MICHEL, WILLIAM. Epitaphs vpon the vntymelie death of that hopefull, learned, and religious youth, Mr. VVilliam Michel, (sonne to a reverend Pastor, Mr. Thomas Michel, Parson of Turreff, and Minister of the Gospel there,) who departed this lyfe the 6 of Ianuarie 1634, in the 24 yeare of his age.

Aberdoniæ, Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanus, 1634.

4°. Dr. David Laing in a note on p. xxii. of "A Garden of Grave and Godlie Flowers, by Alex. Gardyne, &c. Abbotsford Club, 1845," says—"Only two copies of this volume, hitherto undescribed, are known to be preserved." I have not seen a complete copy, and am indebted to Dr. Laing's note for the title given above. The volume contains Latin verses by Arthur Johnston and Alexander Gardyne, with translations, and concludes with "An Epitaph" by Dr. Robert Baron. In the University

Library, Aberdeen, there is an imperfect copy, wanting titlepage and all except the last ten leaves, and headed as follows:—

"An Epitaph, | Or | Consolatorie Epistle, | Upon the death of the sayd | Young Man: | Written to his Mother, By M. R[obert] B[aron]. | Preacher of the Evangel. | "

There is no paging, and the last leaf is blank. A copy was sold at Dr. Laing's Sale, Part I., No. 2611.

SETON, JOHN. Theses | Philosophicae, | Quas Auspice & Propitio | D.O.M. | Adolescentes Magisterii candidati, | In Academia Mareschallana, | Die [18] Iulii, Anno 1634. | In publico Clarissimorum Philosophorum Consessu pro- | pugnabunt, ab aurora ad meridiem. | Præside Ioanne Setono. | [Motto.]

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus, 1634. |

4°. a—c, two leaves each. a 1[1] Title, a 1[2]—2[1] Dedication to Earl Marischal, signed by 15 candidates, b—c 2 Theses. It appears to be imperfect, c 2[2] ends with a catchword *impense*. Printed within borders. No paging.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

STRACHAN, ANDREW. Vindiciæ Cultus Divini, | ceu | Propositiones quædam | Theologicæ, | De natura & objecto cultus Religiosi: | Quibus accesserunt, appendicis locô, Propositiones | pauculæ de orationibus viventium pro defunctis: | Quas auspice D.O.M. cujus res hic geri- | tur, & συζητήσιν moderante Venerabili & Cla- | riss. Viro, D. D. Roberto Baronio, | SS. Theol. Doctore, ejusdemque Pro- | fessore meritiss. & Facultatis Theo- | logicæ Decano, | Pro SS. Theol. professione, ejusdemque Docturâ, | tuebitur Andreas Strachanus

Presbyter, | ad diem penultimum Decemb. Anno 1634. | ab aurora ad vesperam, in auditorio Theolog. | Academiæ Regiæ | Aberdonensis. |

Aberdoniæ, | Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanus, 1634, |

4°. A—C, two leaves each. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2]—A 2[1] (pp. [2]-3), Dedication to Bp. Patrick Forbes, A 2[2]—C 2[2], pp. 5-12 (p. 5 is on B 1[1]), "Propositiones Theologicæ." Printed within woodcut borders.

University Library, Aberdeen.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Institvtiones | Grammaticæ, | In tres partes distributæ: | Quarum | 1. 2. 3. { De { Etymologia, Syntaxi, Orthographia } & | Prosodia. | Quibus succedit | Partis Quartæ Supplementum. |

Abredoniæ, | Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanus, 1634. | Cum Privilegio. |

8°. a—i in eights + A, four leaves. a 1[1] Title, a 1[2] Latin verses "Moecenatibus meis," signed by the author D. W., a 2, one folio, Dedication "Paulo Menezio a Kinmundi, Equiti Aurato: nec non Prætoribus Lectissimis, Cæterisque Reip. Abredonensis Moderatoribus," signed by the author in full "David Wedderburnus," and dated "MDCXXXIII. Kal. Maiis.," a 3—i 6, pp. 6-140 (p. 6 is on a 3[2]), the Grammar, i 7[1]—8[1], pp. 142-3 (p. 142 is on i 7[2]), "Accessio de Incrementis," i 8[2] Latin verses by Arthur Johnston, A 1—4, pp. 2-8 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), "Tabulæ Rhethoricæ."

University Library, Aberdeen.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Meditationes Campestris Wedderburni.

Aberdeen, E. Raban, 1634.

12°. Taken from one of the papers, "Aberdeen Bibliographer's Manual," in the Aberdeen Herald, Dec. 11th, 1858. Evidently copied from a sale catalogue, as it has in front of it "Ernisti Dedicatio ad Ciceronem"; two books most likely to be sold in one lot. The "Meditationes Campestres, Centuriæ I. & II.," were printed in 1643, and "Centuria III.," in 1644. This may be an earlier edition, but I am inclined to think it is a misprint.

1635.

✓ DICKSON, DAVID. A Short | Explanation, | Of the Epistle of Pavl | To The Hebrewes. | By David Dickson, | Preacher of Gods Word, | At Irwin. |

Aberdene, | Imprinted by Edw. Raban. | Anno 1635. |

8°. ¶, eight leaves + A—X in eights. ¶ 1 blank, ¶ 2[1] Title, within woodcut borders, verso blank, ¶ 3—8[1] To the Reader, ¶ 8[2] blank, A—X 7[1], pp. 2-333 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), The Epistle to the Hebrewes. X 7[2] and X 8 blank.

University Library, Aberdeen. H aaw ou

FORBES, PATRICK. Funerals | of a Right Reve- | rend Father in God | Patrick Forbes | of Corse, Bishop | of Aberdſne. (*sic.*) | Τοῦ ἐν ἁγίοις | Reverendissimi in Christo Patris, | Patricii Forbesii a Corse, | Episcopi Abredoniensis, | Tvmvlus. | A multis omnium ordinum collachrymantibus | variegato opere exornatus. | Prov. x. 7. | The memorie of the Iust, is blessed. | Hieronym. Epist. ad Pammachium, quæ incipit, Senato vulneri. | Plus sensimus quod habuimus, postquam habere desivimus. |

Aberdene, | Imprinted by Edward Raban, 1635. |

4°. ¶—¶¶¶ 2+A—HHH in fours, and Portrait. *Collation.* ¶ 1 blank, ¶ 2^1 Title, ¶ 2^2 Woodcut, Bookplate of King's College Library, Aberdeen,* ¶ 3^1—¶¶ 1^1 Index, ¶¶ 1^2 (facing the portrait) Mottoes from Psalms, &c., and dates of Bp. Forbes's birth, death, and time and place of burial, ¶¶ 2^1 Inscription on his tomb, ¶¶ 2^2 Verses to Dr. John Forbes of Corse, ¶¶ 3^1—4^1 A Dolorous Expression, &c. (in verse), by David Lindsay, Parson of Belhelvie, ¶¶ 4^2—¶¶¶ 1^2 An Eclog by the same, with an Epigram by Arthur Johnston on the last page, ¶¶¶ 2 Latin verses to John Forbes, by Prof. John Lundie, A—HHH 3^1, pp. 2-429 (p. 2 is on A 1^2), Funerall Sermon, &c., HHH 3^2—4^2 blank. Signatures EE and FF are marked CC and DD, and paged 201-216 in place of 217-232; page 234 is mispaged 218.

The Portrait which faces verso of fifth leaf is frequently wanting. In a border round the portrait is this inscription "Patricivs Forbesivs a Coirse. Episcopvs Aberdonensis et Consiliarivs Regivs"; underneath are four Latin verses. It is signed "R G Sculp."

This work appears to have been edited by David Lindsay, Parson of Belhelvie, but Dr. John Forbes of Corse is also said to have superintended its production. Both editors contributed to the collection, which includes Sermons, Orations, Letters, and Verses in English and Latin by the following:—King James VI., Abp. Spotswood, Bishops Guthrie, Sinsarffe, Maxwell, Bellenden, Lindsay, and Wishart; Doctors Arthur Johnston, William Johnston, Robert Baron, Alexander Scrogie, William Guild, James Sibbald, Alexander Ross, Patrick Panter, William Lesly, and William Gordon; Professors John Lundie, John Seton, David Leech, John Armour, Alexander Garden, and John Rae; Sir Alexander Cumming, Messrs. Robert Gordon of Straloch, James Sandilands, Andrew Ramsay, Robert Magnus, Ninian Campbell, Robert Watson, David Wedderburne, William Wallace, Robert Downie, Alexander Garden, Advocate, Thomas Wallace, John Hamilton, William Lauder, Patrick Jamison, James Gordon, John Kemp, James Keith, George Robertson, John Taylor, Alexander Downie, Patrick Maitland, William Wishart, Thomas Mitchell, Alexander Whyte, John Johnston, and Edward Raban.

On pages 428-429, is printed "Raban's Regrate, for the present losse of his very good Lord, Patron, and Master, Patrick Forbes, Bishop of Aberdene," signed "Edward Raban, Master Printer, The first in Aberdene."

* Not in all copies. At one time I was inclined to think that this woodcut was struck by Raban and his successors only on copies of the different works intended for King's College Library, Aberdeen; but as these impressions are to be found in nearly every large Library, it would necessarily imply a carelessness or dishonesty on the part of the former custodians, which I cannot imagine to be possible.

This work was reprinted by the Spottiswoode Society in 1845, under the editorship of Mr. Charles Farquhar Shand, Advocate.

University Library, Aberdeen.

FORBES, PATRICK. Sermons by Patrick Forbes, Bishop of Aberdeen.

Aberdeen 1635.

4°. Given in Watt's "Bibliotheca Britannica," but I think it is very doubtful if such a book ever existed. Most likely the "Funerals" has been mistaken by some sale cataloguer for a volume of sermons by this Prelate.

GORDON, JOHN. Confessio Fidei, | In duobus Capitibus, | De Ecclesia, | & | Reali Præsentia in Ev- | charistiæ Sacramento. | Proposita ad disputandum in Acade- | mia Regia Aberdonensi, | Die 21. Mensis Septemb. 1635. | A | M. Ioanne Gordono, Eccle- | siaste Elginensi, | Pro gradu doctoratus in SS. Theologia. | Hanc Disputationem moderante Viro Ornatis- | simo ac Doctissimo, | Dn. Alexandro Scrogæo, | SS. Theol. Doctore Celeberrimo; | Olim Præceptore meo dilectissimo, | nunc Promotore exoptato. | Cyprian. Qui non hahet (*sic.*) Ecclesiam Matrem, non habet | Devm Patrem. Et contra. |

Aberdoniæ, | Imprimebat Edwardvs Rabanvs. 1635. |

4°. Three leaves + A—E 1, two leaves each. Title, one leaf verso blank, ¶ 2 Dedication to William Gordon, Doctor of Medicine, concluded on recto of third preliminary leaf. Latin verses to John Gordon, by David Wedderburne, on verso of third leaf. A—E 1, pp. 3-18 (p. 3 is on A 2[1]), "Theses Theologicæ." Printed within woodcut borders.

University Library, Aberdeen.

LACHRYMÆ ACAD. MARESCHALL. Lachrymae | Academiæ Mareschallanæ | In Obitvm | Illvstrissimi | Comitis Mareschalli, | VVilhelmi, | Nobilissimæ Kethorvm | Familiæ Principis, | D. à Keth & Altre, &c. | Patroni ac Mecænatis sui munificentissimi, | Qui obiit die 28 Octob. Anno Domini 1635. | Ætatis verò 50. |

Abredoniæ, | Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanus, | Anno 1635. |

4°. Title + A—D 1, two leaves each. Title, verso blank, A 1[1]—D 1[8] Latin and Greek verses on the death of the Earl Marischal. There is no paging.

Signet Library, Edinburgh.

LEECH, DAVID. Positiones Philosophicæ, D. Leochæo Moderante.

Aberdoniis 1635.

4°. Dr. David Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part II., No. 222.

TABLE OF CUSTOMS. A Table of all the pettie Custumes payable within the Burgh of Aberdene: Made, and set dovvne, by the Provost, Baylies, and Counsell, of the sayd Burgh, vpon the 23 of November, 1597; And ordayned to bee imprinted, and affixed in publicke places: To the effect, his Majesties Liedges having interest, may get notice thereof: And, that no farther be exacted of them by the Up-takers of these Custumes, but as hereafter followeth. . . .

Imprinted in Aberdene, by Edward Raban, Anno 1635.

Printed *in extenso* in the Aberdeen Herald with this note:—"A gentleman to whose antiquarian research the North of Scotland has been placed under considerable obligation, has sent me the following, which he discovered in excellent preservation where it has lain undisturbed for more than 200 years."

Aberdeen Herald, March 28th, 1868, p. 5.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Institutiones | Grammaticae, | In tres partes distributæ. | Quarum | 1. 2. 3. { De { Etymologia, Syntaxi, Orthographia | & | Prosodia. | Quibus Succedit | Partis quartæ Supplementum. | Editio secunda. |

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus, 1635. | Cum Privilegio.

8°. A, four leaves + B—K 4 in eights. This is the correct date of the second edition of this work, but I have not yet met with a copy dated 1635. See the Memoir of Wedderburne, by Dr. Joseph Robertson, in Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 63.

1636.

CANONS. Canons | And Constitvtions | Ecclesiasticall | Gathered and put in forme, for the Government | of the Church of Scotland. | Ratified and approved by His Majesties Royall War- | rand, and ordained to be observed by the Clergie, | and all others whom they concerne. | Published By Authoritie. | [Arms of the City of Aberdeen.]

Aberdene, | Imprinted by Edward Raban, dwelling | vpon the Market-Place, at the Armes | of the Citie, 1636. | With Royall Priviledge. |

4°. A—F 2 in fours. In the copy used A 1 is wanting, probably it was blank, A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] Royal Arms within woodcut border, A 3 "The just Copie of His Majesties Letters Patents for authorising the Canons after following," A 4—F 2[1] "Canons, &c.," Colophon at foot of F 2[1] "Aberdene, | Imprinted by Edward Raban, dwelling | vpon the Market-place, at the | Townes Armes, 1636. | With Royall Authoritie," F 2[2] is blank. The pages numbered 43. At foot of E 1[1] (last line) is a correction, the words *It shall not be* are pasted over.

We learn from the Parson of Rothiemay that the printing of the Book of Canons was executed under Dr. Robert Baron's supervision. See Gordon's Scot's Affairs, Vol. III., pp. 235-239.

Dr. Webster, M.P., Edgehill, Aberdeen.

FORBES, JOHN. Irenicvm | Amatoribvs | Veritatis Et | Pacis In Eccle- | sia Scoticana. | Prece & studio | Ioannis Forbesij, SS. Theologiæ Doctoris, & ejusdem | Professoris in Academia Aberdoniensi. | Zachar. 8. 19. 1 Pet. 3. 15. 16. Hieron. in Epist. ad Rusticum monachum. August. Epist. 109. [Quoted.] | Editio secunda. |

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus. | Cum Privilegio, 1636. |

4°. ¶, two leaves + A—Nnn 2 in fours.

British Museum.

LEECH, DAVID. Positiones Philosophicæ, D. Leochæo Moderante.

Aberdoniis. 1636.

4°. Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part II., No. 222.

THEMILTHORPE, NICHOLAS. The Posie of Godlie Prayers. With a devote Epistle before the Booke, and after the Booke a perfect Table.

Imprinted in Aberdene, By Edward Raban, 1636.

12°. A—Y in sixes. Printed within borders.

Haslitt's "Collections and Notes, 2nd Series."

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Vocabula, cum aliis Latinae linguæ subsidiis.

[?]Aberdeen, c. 1636.

On the 20th July, 1636, the Town Council of Aberdeen "ordaines Walter Robertsoun, dean of gild, to deburse feftie pundis money to Maister Dauid Wedderburne, maister of the grammer schoole, for his paynes in drawing wp of new vocables for the weill and benefite of the young schollares within the said grammer schooll, whilk soume salbe allowit to the said dean of gild in his compts." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-1642, p. 99.]

An entry in the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen for 1635-36, "To Mr. Dauid Wedderburne, according to the counsels warrand, 50 lib.," doubtless refers to the sum Wedderburne was to receive for the "Vocables." See Dr. Joseph Robertson's Memoir of Wedderburne, "Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff," p. 63.

WHOLE FORME OF DISCIPLINE. The Whole Forme of Discipline according to the Church of Scotland.

Aberdene, E. Raban, 1636.

12°. *Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica.*

1637.

CATECHESIS. Catechesis | Religionis Chri- | stianæ : | Quæ in Ecclesiis & Scholis Palatinatus | sub Frederico III. electore tradebatur. | Marc. VIII. | Qui

erubuerit Me & Sermones Meos, in Generatione | hac Adulteria & Peccatrice: hunc erubescet etiam | Filius Hominis, cum venerit in Gloria Patris | Sui, cum sanctis Angelis. |

Abredoniæ, | Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanus. | Anno Salutis 1637. |

8°. A—C in eights. A 1 wanting, probably blank, A 2 Title, verso blank, A 3—C 2² "Catechesis Religionis Christianæ," on C 2² begin "Preces," which are continued to C 7², C 8 is wanting, probably a blank leaf. There is no paging.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

CUPIF, FRANCIS. Trveth Trivmphant, | Or | The late conversion of a learned | Doctor of Sorbon, | D. Francis Cvpif, | Doctor of Divinitie; | From Poperie, to the profession of the | Trve Religion. | With the degradation of the fore-named Doctor, | for the cause fore-sayd, by the Facultie of | Divinitie at Paris, in Iulie last, 1637. | And the sayd D. Francis his Answere to the | Decree thereof, most learnedlie and | succinctlie set downe. | Faythfullie translated into English, out | of the Latine print Copie, | By William Guild, D.D. Minister at Aber- | dene, and Chaplaine to his Majestie. | I. Esdras, 4. 41. | Trueth is great, and strongest. |

Printed in Aberdene, By E. Raban, 1637. |

4°. A—D, two leaves each. Arms of the City of Aberdeen on verso of Title. Dedicated to Lady Pitsligo.

British Museum.

GERHARD, JOHN. Gerard's | Meditations, | Written first in Latine, | By Iohn Gerard, Doctor | in

Divinitie, and Superin- | tendant of Heldeburg. | Translated and revised by Ralph | Winterton, Fellow of King's | Colledge in Cambridge. |

Aberdene, | Printed by E. Raban, 1637. |

12°. A—O in twelves. A 1 is wanting, probably blank, A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] To the Reader, A 3—O 12, pp. 6-336 (p. 6 is on A 3[2]), Gerard's Meditations.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

GUILD, WILLIAM. A Short Treatise, | Agaynst the propha- | nation of the | Lord's Day, | Especiallie | By Salmond-Fishing thereon, | In tyme of Divine Service. | Math. xxij. 21. | Giue vnto God that which is God's. | Ezek. xxiij. 38. | Moreover, this they haue done vnto | mee,—they haue prophaned my Sabbath. | By William Guild, D.D. Mi- | nister in Aberdene, and Chap- | lane to his Majestie. |

Printed in Aberdene, by Ed- | ward Raban, 1637. |

8°. Seven leaves unpaged + A—D in eights. 1[1] Title within woodcut borders, 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, 2[1]—5[1] Dedication to "Sr. Thomas Bvrnet of Leyes Knight, &c. And to his moste Religious and worthie Ladie, Dame Ieane Moncrief," 5[2]—7[1] The Contents, 7[2] is blank, A 1[1]—D 6[2], pp. 2-60 (p. 2 on verso of A 1), "Of the prophanation of the Lord's Day; Especiallie By Salmond-Fishing thereon." The running title is "A short Treatise Against Sabbath-breakers." D 7[1] "Epitaphium Piscatoris," signed "Arth. Ionstonus, M.R," D 7[2] is blank, D 8 wanting, probably blank.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

JOHNSTON, ARTHUR. Paraphrasis | Poetica | Psalmorvm | Davidis. | Auctore | Artvro Ionstono, | Scoto. | Accesserunt ejusdem | Cantica Evangelica, | Symbolvm Apostolicvm, | Oratio Dominica, | Decalogvs. |

Aberdoniæ, | Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanus, | Anno 1637. |

8°. Three leaves + A—M 7 in eights. There is no paging.

University Library, Cambridge.

LEECH, DAVID. Philosophia Illachrymans, | Hoc est, | Querela Philosophiæ, | Et Philosophorvm Scotorvm, (præsertim vero | Borealium) oratoriè expressa: | Publicè habita in Auditorio Maximo Collegii | Regii Aberdonensis 26 die Iulii, 1637; | Quo die Adolescentes nonnulli, Magisterii Candidati, | curriculum Philosophicum emensi, & cum Lau- | reâ emittendi, Philosophici examinis | rigorem sustinebant, | In solenni Clarissimorum Virorum consessu. | Perorante Davide Leochæo, Philosophiæ | Professore, & σύζητησεως Philosophicæ | Mode- | ratore ordinario, dicti Collegii Subprimario. | [Motto.]

Aberdoniæ, | Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanus, | Almæ Academiæ Typographus. 1637. |

4°. A—H 1, two leaves each. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Dedication to George Marquess of Huntly, A 2—H 1 "Philosophia, &c." There is no paging.

British Museum.

SETON, JOHN. Theses | Philosophicæ, | Quas Auspice & Propitio | D.O.M. | Adolescentes, Magisterii Candidati, | In Academia Mareschallana, | Die [21] Iulii, Anno 1637. | In publico Clarissimorum Philosophorum | Consessu propugnabunt, Ab aurora | ad meridiem. | Præside Ioanne Setono. | [Motto.]

Abredoniæ, | Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanns, (*sic.*) 1637. |

4°. Three leaves + β, γ, δ, two leaves each, + one leaf. Title, verso blank. Dedication to Provost Alexander Jaffray, 4 pp. signed by seventeen candidates. β, γ, δ, + one leaf, Theses. Verso of last leaf blank. There is no paging. Printed within borders.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. A Short Introduction | To Grammar, | Compyled for the Instruction | of Youth, | By Publique Authoritie. | [Arms of the City of Aberdeen.]

Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Raban, | Cum Privilegio. 1637. |

8°. A—F in eights. Anonymous: by David Wedderburne. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] "Lectori," A 2—F 8, pp. 4-[96] (p. 4 on A 2[2]), "An Introduction to Grammar." Page 60 is marked 90, and 62-63 are numbered 61-62, the last three pages are not numbered. The running title is in some sheets "An Introduction To Grammar," and in others "An Instruction to Grammer."

University Library, Aberdeen.

1638.

COVENANT. Generall | Demands, | Concerning the Late Covenant; | Propounded by the Ministers and Professors | of Divinitie in Aberdene: | To some Reverend Brethren, who came thither to | recommend the Late Covenant to Them, and to | those who are committed to their Charge: | Together | With the Answeres of those Reverend | Brethren to the sayd

Demands: | As also | The Replyes of the foresayd Ministers | and Professors to their Answeres. | I. Pet. 3. 15. 16. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Raban, 1638. |

4°. A—L, two leaves each. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 2—L 2, pp. 4-44 (p. 4 is on A 2[2]), Generall Demands, &c. The Covenanting Ministers who sign the Answers are Alexander Henderson, David Dickson, and Andrew Cant; the Replies are signed by Doctors John Forbes, Alexander Scrogie, William Lesley, Robert Baron, James Sibbald, and Alexander Ross.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

COVENANT. The | Answeres | Of Some Brethren | Of the Ministerie, | To | The Replyes | Of The Ministers | And Professours Of | Divinitie in Aberdene; Concerning | The Late Covenant. | 2. Chron. 15. 15. | [Quoted.]

Printed in Aberdene, By Edward Raban, 1638. |

4°. A—I, two leaves each, pp. 36.

British Museum.

COVENANT. The | Answeres | Of Some Brethren | Of The Minitserie, (*sic.*) | To | The Replyes Of | The Ministers and Professours | of Divinitie in Aberdene, con- | cerning the late Covenant. | 2 Chron. xv. 15. | [Quoted.]

Printed in Aberdene, by | Edward Raban, 1638. |

4°. ⁂, four leaves + A—E 2 in fours. *Collation.* A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] To the Christian Reader, ⁂1—4[1] "What did proceed from our pen, &c.," ⁂4[2] To the Reader, A 2—E 2, pp. 4-36 (p. 4 is on A 2[2]), Answeres, signed by Alexander Henderson and David Dickson. The four leaves marked ⁂ are not paged, and appear to have been an afterthought, as the catchword at foot of A 1[2] belongs to A 2[1]. They are not included in the edition noted above.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

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NOTE.

I have great pleasure in intimating to the Subscribers that arrangements have been made for issuing a number of Facsimiles, illustrative of the Aberdeen Printers, and of their Works.

Through the great kindness and courtesy of the Earl of Crawford, who has placed his negative at my service, a Facsimile of the very rare Horn-Book described in this part will form one of the illustrations. An entry in the Council Register, with Raban's signature, will be re-produced by Photo-Lithography; and several interesting titlepages and woodcuts will be given by the same process.

J. P. EDMOND.

COVENANT. Duplyes | Of the Ministers & Pro- | fessors of Aberdene, | To | The second Answeres of some | Reverend Brethren, | Concerning | The Late Covenant. | Ierem. 15. 19., I. Pet. 2. 17. | [Quoted.]

Printed in Aberdene, by Edw. Raban, 1638. |

4°. A—LL 1, two leaves each. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 2—B 1[1], pp. 3-5, To the Unpartiall Reader, B 1[2]—LL 1[1], pp. 6-133, Dvplies signed by the Aberdeen Doctors, LL 1[2] Some Escapes in Printing. In the copy examined there is a duplicate titlepage; the first title was meant to be cancelled on account of part of the "furniture" having printed above and below the Arms on verso.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

The following particulars in connection with the publication of the four last-named books are worthy of mention.

The Covenanting party sent Commissioners to Aberdeen to urge upon the inhabitants the signing of the Covenant. Among the Commissioners were the Earl of Montrose, Lord Cupar, Sir Thomas Burnet of Leys, the Master of Forbes, and three Ministers, Henderson, Dickson, and Cant. They arrived on Friday, 20th July, 1638, and upon the evening of the same day the Aberdeen Doctors sent their fourteen demands to the three Ministers, and requested answers. The signatories were the six Doctors, Forbes, Barron, Leslie, Ross, Scroggie, and Sibbald. The demands were also signed by Doctor William Guild, but he afterwards withdrew, and his name does not appear in any of the printed papers. The following evening, Saturday, 21st July, the three Ministers sent an answer to the demands, and requested permission to preach in the Churches on the following day. This was refused, but they preached in Earl Marischal's "cloiss" in the Castlegate. By Tuesday, 24th July, the Doctors had their replies to the answers ready for the press, but delayed publishing for a few days that the Ministers might revise their papers. No alteration was made, and the replies were printed.

About the beginning of August the Commissioners left Aberdeen, but Henderson and Dickson remained in the neighbourhood to continue the controversy. While the guests of Sir Thomas Burnet, at Muchalls, they composed an answer to the Doctors' replies, which was printed in the middle of August, 1638. Two editions of the "Answeres" were printed at Aberdeen in that year. The Aberdeen Doctors replied to the "Answeres" by the publication, in September, 1638, of "Duplies," which closed the controversy.

Later in the same year the three books were twice reprinted in Edinburgh, with a declaration prefixed from the Marquis of Hamilton. One of these editions has on the titlepage, "Edinburgh, Printed by Robert Young, Anno 1638," the other, "Printed by His Majesties Printer for Scotland. Anno 1638."

In 1662, shortly after the re-establishment of Episcopacy, the "General Demands, &c." were reprinted at Aberdeen by John Forbes, who again in 1663 issued the work with a new titlepage. I have seen reference made to an edition printed at Aberdeen in 1683, but I have never met with a copy.

FORBES, JOHN. A | Peaceable | Warning, | To The Subjects | In Scotland: | Given in the Yeare | of God 1638. |

Aberdene, | Imprinted By Edw. Raban, | The Yeare above written. |

4°. A—E, two leaves each. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 2, pp. 3-4, Dedication to the Marquis of Huntly, signed by the author, B 1, pp. 5-6, To the Reader, B 2—E 2, pp. 7-20, A Peaceable Warning. "An Answere to M. I. Forbes of Corse His peaceable Warning. Printed, Anno Dom. 1638," is generally attributed to Calderwood; it, however, was not printed in Aberdeen.

University Library, Aberdeen.

GERHARD, JOHN. Gerards | Prayers; | Or, | A Daylie Practice | Of Pietie: | Divided into foure parts. |

1.	Of	Confession of Sinne's.	bours.
2.		Thanksgiving, for benefits.	
3.		Petitions for our selues.	
4.		Supplicatiõs for our neig-	

Written (originally) in the Latine Tongue, | by Iohn Gerard, Doctor in Divinitie, | and Superintendent of Heldeburg. | Translated and revised | By Ralph

Winterton, Fellow of Kinges | Colledge in Cambridge. | Wherevnto is added a Morning and Eue- | ning Prayer, for a Familie. |

Printed in Aberdene, by Edward | Raban, 1638. |

12°. A—G in twelves. A 1 is wanting, probably blank, A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] To the Reader, A 3—G 2, pp. 6-148 (p. 6 is on A 3[2]), Gerard's daylie Practice of Pietie, G 3—12[1], pp. 150-167 (p. 150 is on G 3[2]), Gerard's Prayers, G 12[2] is blank.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

GUILD, WILLIAM. An Antidote Agaynst Poperie; The Noveltie of Poperie; and Errors Arraignment. By Dr. William Guild, Minister of the Gospel at Aberdene.

Aberdeen, E. Raban. 1638.

12°. Mentioned in the Aberdeen Herald, Jany. 29th, 1859. I have seen the edition of 1639, which I have no cause to believe to be a second edition. For a copy of this work dated 1638, I have searched in vain.

LEECH, DAVID. Positiones Philosophicæ, D. Leochæo Moderante.

Aberdoniis. 1638.

4°. Dr. David Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part II., No. 222.

PROCLAMATION. Proclamation by His Majesty, commanding and charging his good subjects not to give obedience to the Assembly (1638), as "this Assemblie wes holdin without bischopis," &c.

[Aberdene, Edward Raban, 1638.]

The Marquess of Huntlie . . . causit at the commissioneris desyre, Raban, the prynter in Abirdein, imprint diuerss coppeis of the samen. [Spalding's Memorialls of the Trubles, Spalding Club edition, Vol. I., pp. 124-5.]

RABAN, EDWARD. The | Glorie | Of Man, | Consisting in | The Excellencie and | perfection of Woman. | Gathered out of Holie Scrip- | tvres, and most Renowned | Wryters; as well Ancient as | Moderne; Ecclesiasticall, | as Morall. | Wherevnto is annexed | The duetie of Husbands. |

Aberdene, | Printed by the Author, June 6, 1638. |

8°. §, eight leaves + A—H 4 in eights. *Collation.* §1[1] blank, 1[2] Large Woodcut of Hen and Chickens, §2[1] Title, 2[2]—4[2] Epistle Dedicatorie to "Ladie Anna Cambel, Ladie Marqves of Hvntley," &c., signed "With humble Heart, true mynd, and tempred Brayne, Ned vowes, Your Sexe poore Printer to remayne," §5[1]—7[1] The Prologue signed "Their ImmutablE (dward)

HonoureR. (aban)," with a very rude woodcut at foot of page of landscape with sun in upper right hand corner, with the motto "Haud Inferiora Sequitur" round three sides, §7[2]—8[1] "The Authors from whom this little Treatise hath its originall," 8[2] Verses "To the Author," signed "M. I. G.," A 1—F 3, pp. 1-85, The Glory of Man. The running title is Man's Glorie. Chapter I., &c., F 3[1]—4[2], pp. 85-88, Verses The Echo, F 5, pp. 89-90, Epilogue, with the Author's initials in the concluding line—

It is no Bountie which doth flow
from Store.
Who giues his Heart, what Gift can
hee giuE moRe?

F 6[1], p. 91, The | Duetie of Husbands: | Drawne out of Master | Carter his Booke of | Christian Common- | Wealth. | Ephes. 5. 33. | Prov. 31. 11. 12. | [Quoted.] F 6[2], p. 92, Verses "To All Good Husbands," with the Author's initials in the concluding line—

Let Honourable Woman liue for ever,
In all that Arte, that Tyme, that Fame can giue hER.

F 7, pp. 93-4, The Introduction, concluding "And so I goe forwardes to thE woRke," F 8[1]—H 4[1], pp. 95-119 (marked 911), "The Duetie of Husbands," with the same for running title, the concluding lines are "That The God Of Love may blesse our Loues togethER. Amen." H 4[2] is blank. Printed within lines.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

1639.

M. I. G. | Prognostication | 1639. | Being the third after Leap yeare. | Most curiouslie calculated, for all North | Britane: but most especallie, and even ac- | cording vnto Raban's bound duetie, for | the Latitude and Meridiane of the Honou- | rable Citie of Aberdene: where the | Pole Articke is elevated 57 degr. 30 min. | according to Argolus and Tychon. |

Printed in Aberdene, by E. Raban. |

8°. Four leaves not numbered. 1[1] Title, 1[2] "Computation of tyme, vntill 1639;" includes "Since Printing began first in Aberdene, by Edward Raban, are of yeares 18," 2[1] Eclipses 1636[9], Verses beginning "Darknesse shall bee on the Ocean," with three woodcuts, one the sun, one the moon, the other, Crowned figure enclosed by thick rectangular lines, 2[2]—3[2] Changes of the moon for each month, a month occupying half a page. Part of July and all that follows wanting. 4[1]—[2] List of Fairs, [begins at top of 4[1] with Aprill.] At the end of the list is—

"Good Drinke (in these Fayres) shall bee so forcible, that it shall cause manie to weare their best Cloathes everie day.

Sing Honi soit qui mal y pense
The Lord be still king Charls Defence
His Foes, O Lord, still disappoynt,
And thrust their Noses out of joynt.

In whose behalfe let vs reade, and ponder, the fift Chapter of holie Iob.
Fare-Well, quod Ned Playne."

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

DECLINATOR. The declinator and protestation of the Archbishops, and Bishops, of the Church of Scotland, and others their adherents within that

kingdome; agaynst the pretended Generall Assemblie, holden at Glasgow, Novemb. 21. 1638.

Aberdene, Printed by Edward Raban, according to the copie printed at London, 1639.

4°. *New College, Edinburgh.*

GUILD, WILLIAM. An | Antidote | Agaynst Poperie: | Fit (God willing) to preserue | and arme everie one agaynst | the seduction thereof. | Most necessarie for all, in this | Back-slyding Age. | The Contents whereof follow on | the other side. | By William Gvild, D.D. Mini- | ster At Aberdene. | Ivde 3. | I exhort you, that ye earnestlie contende | for the Fayth, which was once deli- | vered vnto the Sayncts. |

Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Raban, 1639. |

12°. First Part, "Antidote." ¶, twelve leaves + A—K 10 in twelves. Second Part, "Errour's Arraignment." ¶¶, four leaves + A—G in twelves. To the Third Treatise there is a separate Titlepage as follows:—The | Noveltie | of Poperie, | Clearlie proven, by the Roma- | nists themselues, and the vnde- | nyable records of Antiquitie. | Devt. 32. 31. | Tert. L. 2. Cont. Marcion. | [quoted.] Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Raban, | Anno Salutis 1639. | §, eight leaves + A—G 6 in twelves.

Collation. First Part.—¶ 1 blank, ¶ 2[1] Title, Contents on verso, ¶ 3—6[1] Dedication to "Dame Marie Stewart, Countesse of Marre, The Mother; Dame Marie Erskin, Countesse of Marshall, The Daughter; And Dame Ieane Keith, Ladie Petslego, The Niece," ¶ 6[2] blank, ¶ 7—11[1] To the Reader, ¶ 11[2]—12[2] Table of the First Part, A—K 9[1], pp. 2-233 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), "An Antidote Against Popery," K 9[2] and K 10 blank. Second Part.—¶¶ 1—3[1] Contents of the Second Part, ¶¶ 3[2] and 4 blank, A—G 11, pp. 2-166 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), "Errovr's Arraygnment," G 12 is blank. Third Part.—§ 1[1] Title, verso blank, § 2—5 Dedication to "Dame Marion Dowglas, Ladie Drvm," § 6—8 Contents, A—F 5[1], pp. 2-129 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), "The Noveltie of Poperie," F 5[2]—G 6, pp. 131-156 (p. 131 is on F 6[1]), Appendix and "An Answere."

University Library, Aberdeen.

GUILD, WILLIAM. To the Nobilitie, Gentrie, Burrowis, Ministers, and otheris of this lait combinatioun in Covenant, a freindlie and faithfull advyss, that the event of this great conventioun, Junij 6, may, through Godis blissing, tend to his glory and the peace bothe of Churche and Kingdome, by Doctor Williame Goold, suorne Cheplane to his Majestie, and Minister in Abirdene.

Printed in Abirdein by Eduard Raban, 1639, with speciall commandiment.

"This Goold wes ane of the Kingis owne chaplans of the Cheppell royall, and he setis out ane imprinted peice direct to the nobilitie, gentrie, burrowis, ministeris and otheris of the combinatioun of the covenant, and printed in Abirdein in anno 1639, wissing no armes to be raisit aganes the King, quhairof the coppie is set down heirefter, folio 316." [Spalding's Memorialls of the Trubles, Spalding Club edition, Vol. I., p. 93.]

"This Doctor wreit out ane paper callit *Ane Freindly and Faithfull Advyss*, quhilk wes pryntit concerning thir troubles, and aganes the raising of armes be subiectis aganes thair lauchfull King, quhilk heirefter, at folio 316, is copeit word be word." [Id., Vol. I., p. 233.]

The Title as given above is copied from Spalding, Vol. II., p. 35, where the paper is printed at length. I have not yet met with a copy.

1641.

DOWNIE, ROBERT. Scotorum Elogivm | Seu | Y'ΠΟΜΝΗΜΑ, | De Moribus & Religione | Scotorum. | Suus est vnicuique genti genius | Euphormio. Jcon animorum. | CAP. 2. | [Arms of the City of Aberdeen.]

Abredoniæ, | Jmprimebat Edvardus Rabanus, 1641. |

4°. A—C 2 in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Dedication to King Charles I., signed "Robertus Dounaeus, Abredonensis," A 2—C 2, pp. 3-20, "Scotorum Elogium."

University Library, Aberdeen.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Sub obitum viri clarissimi et carissimi D. Arturi Jonstoni, medici Regii, et poëtarum sui seculi facilè principis, Davidis Wedderburni Suspiria.

Abredoniæ, 1641.

Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 64.

1642.

LYNDSAY, DAVID. Scotlandis Halleluiah, by Mr Dauid Lyndsay, Persone of Balhelvie.

Aberdene, Printed by Edward Raban, 1642.

The above is a conjectural restoration of the Titlepage of this work. The only trace of it that I can find is the following account given by Spalding:—"In this moneth of December, [1642] there cam out ane paper set out be Mr. Dauid Lyndsay, persone of Balhelvie, callit *Scotlandis Halleluiah*, printed by Raban at Abirdene, thocht to be better said nor it had stuff or good mater, at whiche I thocht not worthie to tak panes vpone for inserting it in this place, albeit it is lying besyd my self in print." [Spalding's Memorialls of the Trubles, Spalding Club edition, Vol. II., p. 215.]

THESES, 1642. Item, to Eduard Rabine, printer, for printing of the thessus of the college of the broch at the lourtione of the skolleris, this present zear, quhilkis are dedicat to the magistrattis and counsell, 12 lib.

Extracts from the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1641-2, Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 109.

1643.

BOHEMUS, S. DECANUS. Positiones de Coelo propugnante S. Decano Bohemo.

Aberdoniis, E. Rabanus, 1643.

Dr. David Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part II., No. 222.

GORDON, P. Theses Philosophicæ Præside P. Gordonio.

Aberdoniis, E. Rabanus, 1643.

Dr. David Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part II., No. 222.

RAE, JOHN. Theses | Philosophicæ, | Quas auspice & propitio D.O.M. | Adolescentes Magisterii Candidati, In | Academia Mareschallana, | Die [17] Julii, Anno 1643. | In Publico Doctissimorum Virorum Consessu Pro- | pugnabunt, ab Aurora ad Meridiem. | Præside Ioanne Rayo. | [Motto, and Woodcut of Crowned Thistle, with initials E. R.]

Abredoniæ, imprimebat E: Rabanus. |

4°. No date at foot of Title. Three leaves + A—C 1, two leaves each. Title, verso blank. Dedication to Ludovic Gordon, son of Sir Robert Gordon of Gordonstoun, signed by eight candidates, two folios, A—C 1 Theses. Printed within woodcut borders, without paging. The Theses are printed in Italics.

University Library, Aberdeen.

ROW, JOHN. Hebrew Dictionary. 1643.

An edition of Row's Vocabularium Hebraicum may have been published prior to that printed at Glasgow in 1644, but I have not seen a copy. The following order of the Town Council of Aberdeen, I think, is prospective,

and refers to that book, which was not published until the following year:—"20 September, 1643. The said day, the counsell, considering the paines takin be Mr John Row in teaching the Hebrew tongue; and for setting furth ane Hebrew Dictionar, and dedicating the same to the counsell, ordaines Thomas Burnet, thesaurar, to deliuer to the said Mr John Row, for his paines, four hundreth merkis, Scots money. . . ." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 9.]

SCOOLE ACTIS. Scoole Actis and Lawes. Aberdene, Printed by Edward Raban, 1643.

We learn that the above was printed from the following order of the Aberdeen Town Council:—"15 March, 1643. The quhilk day the provest, baillies, and counsell, . . . thinks it expedient that the scoole lawes drawn vp be sight and advyse of Thomas Mortimer, baillie, D. Dune, Mr Andro Cant, Mr. Johne Oswald, and Mr. John Row, ministers of Aberdeine, Mr William Moir, Mr Dauid Wedderburne, be printed with all convenient diligence possible to the effect above mentionat, and Walter Cochran, dean of gild, is ordanit to pay for the printing thairof, quhilk sall be allowit to him in his comptis." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 3.]

The payment is noted in the Town's Accounts for 1642-3 as follows:—"To Eduard Raben, for prenting half a rime of the scooll actis and lawes, 5 lib.; and at the setting of the pres, givin him and his men to drink, 6s. 8d., 5 lib. 6s. 8d." [Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 106.]

SOLEMN LEAGUE. A | Solemn League | And | Covenant, | For | Reformation; | And | Defence of Religion, the Honour | and Happiness of the King, and the | Peace & Safetie of the three Kingdoms. | Of | Scotland, England, & Ireland. | Ier. 50. 5. Prov. 25. 5. 2. Chron. 15. 15. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, | Imprinted by Edw: Raban: And are to bee sold at his | Shop, at the end of the Broadgate. 1643. |

4°. Eight pages. Imperfect, but unique so far as I can ascertain. From an edition in New College, Edinburgh, "Printed by Evan Tyler, 1643," I have been able to give the probable collation. The Aberdeen copy contains only the Title, and Orders of the Assembly, &c., anent subscribing the Covenant on seven pages. The Edinburgh edition is the same, and is followed by B 1—3², pp. 1-6, A Solemne League And Covenant, then seven leaves for the signatures, with "The Subscribers Of The | League And Covenant, | " at top of each page. The New College copy was used in "The Parochine of Edzell."

Geo. King's Pamphlet Library, Aberdeen, Vol. 231.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Meditationum | Campestrium, | Seu | Epigrammatωn Moralium | Centuriæ Duæ. | Authore Davide Wedderburno. | Nec Martis fera bella cano, nec Phyllida: nostrum | Vivida Virtutis semina carmen alat. | [Woodcut of Crown and Thistle.]

Abredoniæ, | Imprimebat Ed: Rabanus, 1643. |

8°. A—D in eights. A 1 wanting, probably blank, A 2¹ Title, A 2² Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 3—4¹ Dedication to Gilbert Menzies of Petfoddels, A 4² blank, A 5—B 3¹, pp. 9-21, "Meditationum Campestrium, Centuria Prima," B 3²—D 3¹, pp. 22-53, Centuria Secunda, D 3², p. 54, "Lectori," D 4¹—7¹, pp. 55-61, Latin Verses "Simonidis Lachrymae, &c.," D 7² is blank. D 8 wanting, probably a blank leaf.

Signet Library, Edinburgh.

1644.

INNES, GEORGE. A | Militarie | Rudiment, | Or | Observations of the form of Militarie exercise, | according to his Excellens Guard in Holland. | With the ranges and number of Officers in an | Armie, from the lowest to the highest, and | their dueties, in short. |

As also is added a little anent the composition | of an Armie. | And finallie, Some few Principalls, in the | Art of Fortification. | By George Innes. | [Woodcut of Crown, with Thistle and E. R.]

Aberdene, | Imprinted by Edward Raban, 1644.

4°. A—G, two leaves each, besides folding sheet. A 1[r] Title, A 1[v] Arms of the City of Aberdeen within woodcut borders, followed by the folding sheet, which is entitled "An Emblem of the Steps Of Militarie Preferment," and is printed within a woodcut border. Towards the top in large capitals, the word HONOVR, within a wreath, underneath the word Generall, followed by the figures 1-23, with lines of increasing length over them. At foot, some Verses. A 2[r] Dedication to Lord Gordon, A 2[v] To the Loving Reader, B 1[r] To the young Souldiour, B 1[v]—2[r] "A Contraversie betwixt Theorie and Practick, discerned by M. G. M. in prayse of the Author, for preventing Momus," with verses by M. T. L. at foot of B 2[r], p. 7, B 2[v]—G 2[v], pp. 8-28, A Militarie Rudiment, Or Observations vpon Militarie exercise.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

MELVILL, ELIZABETH. A | Godly Dream, | By Elizabeth Melvill, | Lady Culros, younger. | At the Request of a speciall Friend. | Matth. 7. 13. and Luke 13. 24. | Enter in at the strayt gate: For wyde is the gate, and | broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction: and | manie there bee which go in there-at. |

Aberdene, | Jmprinted by E. Raban, Laird of Letters: | And are to bee sold at his Shop, at the | end of the Broad-gate, 1644. |

8°. A, eight leaves + B, four leaves. *British Museum.*

PROCLAMATIONS. [Three Proclamations dated At Aberdene, 23rd August, 4th September, and 6th September, 1644.]

F°. Broadsheets, one leaf each. Printed by Edward Raban, but without name of printer or place. As I have good reason to believe these proclamations to be unique, I print them at length :—

At ABERDENE, the 23 of August, 1644. | The Committie of Estates, ha- | ving receaved frequent advertisements, | from our Friends in the North, vpon the landing | of a considerable Armie of Irishes, who are day- | lie advancing in Arms, to invade the Countrey, | and to persue with Fyre and Sword, all true Sub- | jects: And the sayd Committie beeing carefull, according to their | trust, to provyde agaynst all dangers, which may trouble the | Peace, or annoy the Kingdom, within the Bounds of their Com- | mission; Therefore, Ordayns all fensible persons between sixtie | and sixteen, within the Bounds of the Shyrefdoms of Kincar- | dyne, Aberdene, Bamf, Elgin, and Forres, Nairn Cromartie, | Innernes, Sutherland, and Caithnes; To bee in readiness vpon | six hours, warning in their best Arms, with ten dayes provision; | To march as they shall receaue Orders, for resisting, or persuing | of the sayds Irishes; Vnder the Pain of Death: And ordayns | these presentes, to bee read at all the Mercat Crosses, of the | sayds Shyres, and also at all the Parish Kirks thereof, with all | speed and diligence. J: Burghly: J: P: D: Com:

AT ABERDENE, The fourt | day of September, The year of GOD | 1644, These Orders for the third | tyme from the Committie of Estates, appoynted | for the Northern Effairs at ABERDENE; Are | for acquyting themselues, in behalf of their Com- | mission, To requyre all Heritours, Lyf-renters, Fewars, Wed- | setters, Gentlemen, and others what-so-ever havears of horss | aboue the worth and pryce of fourtie pounds Scots, within the | bounds of the Shyrefdomes of ABERDENE, BAMFF, and | MORRAY; As they tender Religion, and Honour of their Na- | tiue Countrey; And as they would not bee esteemed Enemies | to the Good and Peace of the Kingdom, And vnder the Payn of | Death, and Confiscation of their Moueable Goods, to make | their Randevouss with fifteen days loan at this Burgh of ABER- | DENE, on Horss-back, and best Horss-mans Arms, as they haue, or can affoord, in manner following: TO WIT; All within | the Shyrefdomes of ABERDENE and BAMFF, to bee at the | sayd place of Randevouze, vpon Moonday next, vpon the nynt | of this instant: And all within the Shyrefdom of MORRAY, | to bee there on Thursday, the twelft of this instant; Where they | shall receaue Orders; And that everie Horss-man bring alongst | with him, at the sayd place and tyme of Randevouze, a Dragu- | nar sufficientlie furnished with a Musquet or Snap wark gun: | And that none past sixtie, or within sixteen yeares of age, pre- | tend immunitie heerein; Except for their persons allenarlie. | Burghly: J: P: D: Com:

AT ABERDENE, The Sixt | day of September 1644 Years, The | Committie of Estates, appoynted, for the Nor- | thern Effairs, Having receaved present Intelli- | gence, That the Enemie is marching towards | these Bounds in all Hostile manner, to invade | the samen: THERE-FORE, Ordayneth all manner of Fensible | persons betwixt sixtie and sixteen, within the Shyrefdomes of | ABERDENE and BAMFF, (except such as haue gone, or are | going in Service with the LORD GORDON) To bee present- | lie in readiness, with their best Arms, on Horss and Foot; And | to make their Randevouz vpon Moonday next, at ten hours, with | fyfteen dayes Provision, at this Burgh of ABERDENE; Where | they shall receaue Orders, vnder Payn of Death, and Confis- | cation of their Moueable Goods: Not-with-standing of what- | so-ever Proclamations formerlie made dispencing with a less num- | ber, which numbers formerlie appoynted, bee prior Orders and | Proclamations, are declared heere-by to fall and come expresslie | vnder the compass of this present Proclamation, and Generall | Orders. AND In case Beacons and Fyres, shall appear, the sa- | men are to intimate the sayd place of Randevouz AT ABER- | DENE. AND Ordayneth these Presents, to bee published at | the Mercat Crosses of ABERDENE and BAMFF, and all the | Paroch Kirkes thereof, vpon Sonday next: AND appoynteth | the Ministers, to bee carefull, and diligent, heere-in; AND the | Moderators of each Presbyterie, to make Distribution of the Or- | ders through the Presbyterie. Burghly: J: P: D: Com:

Geo. King's Pamphlet Library, Aberdeen, Vol. 231.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Meditationum Campestrium, | Séu | Epigrammatωn Moralium, | Centvria Tertia. | Authore Davide Wedderburno | Abredonano. | [Quotation from Horace.]

Abredoniæ, | Imprimebat Edvardus Rabanus, | Anno Domini 1644. |

8°. Four leaves + A—E in fours. First leaf is blank, 2^1 Title, 2^2 Arms of the City of Aberdeen, 3^1—4^1, pp. 6-7 (p. 6 is on $3^{\cdot}$), Dedication to Sir Patrick Urquhart of Meldrum, 4^2 is blank, A—E3^2, pp. 9-46, Meditationum Campestrivm, Centuria Tertia, E 4 is blank.

This work was unnoticed by Dr. Laing in compiling the Catalogue of the Signet Library; the Titlepage of the first two "Centuries" was thought to apply to the whole volume.

Signet Library, Edinburgh.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Sub Obitum Viri Spectatissimi, | Georgii Jamesoni, | Abredonensis, | Pictoris Eminentissimi, | Lachrymæ. | [Three Latin Poems, signed] Amoris indissolubilis ergo | David Wedderburnus. |

Ad Exemplar Abredoniæ Impressum per Edwardum Rabanum, 1644. |

F°. Single leaf, verso blank. I have never seen the original of which the above is a reprint. Dr. Joseph Robertson in an account of Wedderburne in "Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff," Spalding Club, p. 64, says that this poem is lost.

Alexander Kemlo, Esq., Aberdeen.

1645.

MONTGOMERY, ALEXANDER. The | Cherrie | And | The Slae; | Compiled into Metre, | By Captayn Alexander Montgomerie. |

Aberdene, | Imprinted by Edward Raban, | Laird of Letters, | And are to bee sold at his Shop, at the | end of the Broad-gate, 1645. |

8°. A—D 4 in eights. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] A Sweet Sonnet To the Holie Trinitie, A 2—D 2[1], pp. 4-51 (p. 4 on A 2[2]), The Cherrie and the Slae, D 2[2]—4[2], pp. 53-56 (p. 53 on D 3[1]), Captain Alexander Montgomery, his Lamentation, &c.

British Museum.

THESES, 1644-5. Item, to Eduard Raban, for printing the theases to the new colledge of Aberdein, 10 lib.

Extracts from the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen, Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 163.

1648.

PAPERS. 1647-8. Deburst, mair, to Patrik Leslie, skinner, for wool and ane skinn to giwe to Edvart Raban to print the papers that is prined on the bristis of thes that stand on the scaffold, 16s.

Extracts from the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen, Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 108.

1649.

GUILD, WILLIAM. Jsagoge | Catechetica; | Explicationi Dogmatum | Theologicorum plenio- | ri prævia. | Jn gratiam juventutis, in Vniversitate | Jllustri Aberdonensi, & præcipuè in | inclyta ejusdē Academia Regia. |

Aberdoniæ, | Imprimebat Edvardus Rabanus, 1649. |

8°. A—C in eights + one leaf. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Woodcut of King's College Bookplate, A 2, one folio, Dedication to Sir John Gordon of Haddo, A 3—C 8, pp. 6-48 (p. 6 is on A 3[2]), Isagoge Catechetica, one leaf Errata, verso blank.

University Library, Edinburgh.

GUILD, WILLIAM. The Old | Roman Catholik, | As at first he was taught by Paul: | In opposition to | The new Roman Catholik: | As of latter he is taught by the Pope. | The one being Apostolicall, the other Apostaticall. | Descrived and proven only out of the Epistle of | Paul, To The Romanes. | Wherevnto is

added a clear probation, that | the same also was the doctrine of the Primitiue | Bishops of Rome, for the space of fyue hundreth | years, and aboue; and chiefly of Gregorie the | first: whom they Surnamed The Great. | Discovering to all clearly the Apostasie of | that Church, from the ancient Roman Fayth, and | Puritie thereof, to the Noveltie of Gross Heresie | and Idolatrie, and sufficient to convince, if not | convert any Papist, that is not wilfully obdured. | Rev. 18. 4. | Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of | her sinnes; and that ye receaue not of her plagues. | By W. Guild, Principall of the kings | Colledge of Old Aberdene. |

Printed in Aberdene, by E. Raban, 1649. |

8°. A—G in eights. A 1[1] Woodcut of Unicorn supporting Shield with three Towers, A 1[2] the same repeated, A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 3—5, pp. 6-10 (p. 6 is on A 3[2]), Dedication to Sir Thomas Burnet of Leyes, A 6—B 6, pp. 12-28 (p. 12 is on A 6[2]), To the Reader, B 7—E 5, pp. 30-74 (p. 30 is on B 7[2]), The Old Roman Catholik, E 6—G 7, pp. 76-110 (p. 76 is on E 6[2]), The Doctrine of the Primitiue Bishops of Rome, G 8 Woodcut, as on first leaf, on both sides.

University Library, Aberdeen.

Sine Anno.

HORN BOOK. [A Paternoster, or Abecedarium.]

Printed in Aberdene, by E. Raban.

12°. Black Letter. Four leaves printed on one side of the page only. Each page commences with the Alphabet in Upper and Lower case type, followed on two of the pages by three lines of spelling, viz:—

ab	eb	ib	ob	ub
ac	.	.	.	.
ad	.	.	.	.

Then "In the Name of God the Father, &c.," then "Our Father, &c." Each page in different Black Letter type. At foot of last page "Printed in Aberdene, by E. Raban." No date, but from appearance and style I should say early xvii. Century, or about 1622. The pages never having been *divided*, it is as a small folio sheet 11·2 in. × 7·3 in.

For the above description of this very great rarity I am indebted to the Right Hon. The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, who very kindly had his beautiful copy photographed for me.

A copy of this Horn Book is entered in the Sale Catalogue of Dr. David Laing's Library, Part I., No. 1540. Its history is a remarkable one, for it is said on good authority to have been taken out of a copy of Boetius, to which it had formed a fly-leaf. Dr. Laing purchased it at the sale of the late Andrew Jervise's Library in 1878, for the sum of 3s., and at the sale of Laing's books in 1879 it realised £15. A third copy was in Pearson's Catalogue, in June, 1883, priced £12 10s.

Earl of Crawford and Balcarres.

JAMES BROWN.

1650.

CAUSES OF A FAST. The causes of a public fast, and humiliation, to be kept with all convenient diligence: by all the members of this Kirk and kingdom of Scotland.

Aberdene, Printed by James Brown, 1650.

4°. *New College, Edinburgh.*

THESES, 1649-50. Item, to James Cromie, printer, for prenting the theses, by order of the bailzies, sex pund therteene schillings four penneis.

[Extracts from the Accounts of the Burgh of Aberdeen, Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 168.]

This entry is a perplexing one, for we find in the Council Register of Aberdeen, that on the Ninth of January, 1650, "the provost, baillies, and counsell, receavit and admittit James Browne, lawfull sone to Mr Wm. Browne, minister at Invernochtie, printer of this brughe, in place of Edward Raban, during the counsellis pleasur allanerlie, and to the lyk casualtie and benefeit off the toune, as the said Edward Raban haid the tyme bygane." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 111.]

1651.

ANSWER OF THE COMMISSION. The | Answer | Of the Commission of the Ge- | nerall Assemblie, to

the Quæree, | Propounded to them, from the | Parliament. | With An Answer | Of the Commission of the Gene- | rall Assemblie, to a letter, sent to | them, from the Ministers of the | Presbyterie of Sterline. |

Aberdene, | Printed by James Brown, 1651. |

4°. A—C 2 in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2]—2[1], pp. 2-[3], Answer to the Quæree, A 2[1]—C 2[1], pp. 5-19 (p. 5 is on A 3[1]), Answer to the Letter, C 2[2] is blank. Both are signed by A. Ker.

University Library, Aberdeen.

DOWGLAS, ROBERT. The Form And Order Of The | Coronation Of | Charles | The Second; | King of Scotland, England, France, | and Ireland: | As it was acted and done at Scoone, | The first day of Januarie, 1651. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdene, | Imprinted by James Brown, 1651. |

4°. A—N, two leaves each. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank, A 2, pp. [3]-4, The King's Coronation, B 1—K 2, pp. 6-40 (p. 6 is on B 1[2]), "Sermon | Preached . . . | By Master Robert Dowglas, Minister of Edin- | burgh, Moderator of the Commission of the | Generall Assemblie. | 2. King. 11. Vers. 12. 17. | " L 1—N 2[1], pp. 41-51, The King's Coronation (continued), N 2[2] is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

DOWGLAS, ROBERT. The Forme And Order Of The | Coronation Of | Charles | The Second, | King of Scotland, England, France, and | Ireland. | As it was acted and done at Scoone, The first | day of Ianuary, 1651. | 1 Chron. 29. 23. | Prov. 20. 8. | Prov. 25. 5. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, | Imprinted by James Brown, 1651. |

4°. A—C in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2], p. 2, The Coronation, A 2—C 4, pp. 3-24, Sermon preached at the Coronation by Robert Dowglas, with continuation of the Coronation. I examined a copy of this Tract in Edinburgh University Library, entered in their Catalogue as printed in 1653. It is so much cut at the lower margin that there is no evidence left to prove it a different edition from the one described above.

University Library, Cambridge.

DOWGLAS, ROBERT. The | Form and Order | Of The | Coronation | Of | Charles | The Second, | King of Scotland, England, | France, and Ireland, | As it was acted and done at Schoone, | The first day of January, 1651. | By Mr. Robert Dowglas, &c. | 1 Chron: 29. 23. | Proverbs 20. 8. | Proverbs 25. 5. | [Quoted.]

Aberdeen, | Imprinted by James Brown, 1651. |

8°. A—K in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank, A 2—3, pp. 3-6, "The King's Coronation," A 4—I 1, pp. 7-66, "Sermon Preached at Schoone" (last paragraph of p. 66 is in smaller type), I 2—K 4, pp. 67-80, "The King's Coronation" (pp. 75-80 are in a smaller type). Very badly printed on coarse paper, but a great rarity in this form. The copy examined is in very fine condition, and the edges are uncut. The only other copy that I have seen mentioned was in Dr. Laing's Library, and sold at his sale for £8 5s.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

HUMBLE REMONSTRANCES. The | Humble Remonstrances | Of the Commission of the Ge- | nerall Assemblie, To the | Kings Majestie, and Honorable | Cōmittee of Estates, of the | third, and twenty fyfth | of January, 1651. | With The Answer from the Kings Majesty & Hono- | rable Cōmittee of Estates, thereunto; of the | sixth of Februarie, 1651. |

Aberdene, | Printed by James Brown, 1651. |

4°. A—B in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 2—B 1, pp. 4-10 (p. 4 is on A 2[2]), The Humble Remonstrance, B 2—3, pp. 12-14 (p. 12 is on B 2[2]), The Humble Remonstrance (25th January), B4, pp. [15]-16, The Answer. Both Remonstrances are signed by A. Ker, and the Answer by Thomas Henderson. Page 10 is marked in error, p. 4.

University Library, Aberdeen.

LIDDEL, DUNCAN. Artis | Conservandi Sanitatem, | Libri duo, | A | Clarissimo D. Doctore Lidde- | lio defuncto delineati, | Atque Opera & Studio, | D. Patricii Dunæi, M.D. | Ad Colophonem perducti, | & in apricum prolati. | [Woodcut of Crowned Thistle, with initials E. R.]

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Iacobus Brounus, | Anno 1651. |

8°. ¶, eight leaves + A—Gg 4 in eights. ¶ 1[1] Title, ¶ 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, ¶ 2 (one folio), Dedication to Robert Farquhar of Mouny, Provost, and to the other Magistrates and Councillors of Aberdeen, ¶ 3—6[1], pp. [7], Præfatio Ad Lectorem, ¶ 6[2]—7[2], pp. [3], Latin verses by Wedderburne, Dun, and William Johnston, ¶ 8 (one folio), Errata, A 1—Gg 4[1], pp. 2-471 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), Ars Sanitatis Conservandæ, Gg 4[2] Woodcut of Unicorn, with shield and three towers. Errors in paging, &c. :—61 for 91 ; 216 for 316 ; L 3 for L 2 ; R 5 for R 6.

The expense of this work was borne by the City, as the Accounts for 1650-1651 show :—" For printeing off Doctor Dunis booke, be ordor of counsell, and for the papper theroff, 279 lib. 13s. 4d. [Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 173.]

University Library, Aberdeen.

SHORT EXHORTATION. Perth, 20 March, 1651. | A Short Exhortation and War- | ning, To the Ministers and Professours | of this Kirk; From the Commission | of the Generall Assemblie. |

4°. Eight pages. There is no titlepage. Without place or printer's name, but evidently printed by Brown, as the type and woodcuts are his. Signed at end, A. Ker.

British Museum.

SHORT INFORMATION. A | Short Information and brotherly | Exhortation to our Brethren of Eng- | Land: From the Commissioners | of the Generall Assembly of | the Kirk of Scotland convened at Forfarr. | August. 12. 1651. |

4°. A, four leaves, paged 2-7 (p. 2 is on A 1²). There is no titlepage. Signed M. Robert Dowglas. Imprint at foot of p. 7, "Aberdene printed by James Brown," A 4² is blank. So far as I am aware, the copy examined is unique.

Dr. Webster, M.P., Edgehill, Aberdeen.

SOLEMN WARNING. A | Solemn Warning | To all the Members of this Kirk, | From | The Commission of the | Generall Assemblie. | With | An Act, for censuring such as act, | or comply with the Sectarian Armie, | Now infesting this Kingdom. |

Aberdene, | Imprinted by James Brown, | Anno 1651. |

4°. A—C 2 in fours. A 1¹ Title, A 1² Order to read in churches, A 2—C 2², pp. 4-19 (p. 4 is on A 2²), A Solemn Warning, &c., C 2² is blank. Signed by A. Ker.

University Library, Aberdeen.

WARNING AND DECLARATION. A | Warning | And | Declaration | From the Generall Assembly at Dundie the | 30 of Iuly 1651. Post Meridiem. | Sess. 17. | [Scottish Arms.]

Aberdene | Printed by James Brown 1651. |

4°. Twelve pages, including title. Verso of title blank. Signed by A. Ker.

University Library, Edinburgh.

1654.

CANT, ANDREW. Theses Et Problemata | Philosophica | Quæ, Athenæi Mareschallani Alumni, | laureâ triumphali hâc vice condecorandi, | pridie Eidus Quintileis, | A.P.D.O.M. | publicè propugnabunt, horis | & loco solitis. | Arbitro Andrea Cantèo. | Iustin. Martyr Apol. 2. pro Christian. ad | Antoniæ Pium. | [Quoted.]

Abredoniis, | E Typographêo Jacobi Brouni, Academiæ | & Urbis Typothetæ An. Ær. Christi 1654. |

4°. A, four leaves + B—P 1, two leaves each. [In the copy examined all is wanting after M 2, except what appears to be the last leaf, marked p. 53.] A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank, A 2—4, pp. [4], Dedication "Virgini Annae Mariæ A Schurman Ultrajecto-Bataviæ," with names of twenty candidates at foot of last page, B—P 1, pp. 2-53 (p. 2 is on B 1[2]), Theses, P 1[2] is blank.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

1655.

DOWGLAS, WILLIAM. Vindiciæ Veritatis, | seu | Dissertatio Theologica. | Pro veracitate, opposita locutionibus | operosè ambiguis & restrictionibus mentali- | bus Iesuitis aliisque Sectariis cesitatis, tam in asser- | toriis quam in promissoriis. | Authore Gulielmo Douglasio S.S. Theologiæ in Academia | Abredonensi Professore. | [Mottoes.]

Excudebat Jacobus Brounus, Vrbis & | Academiæ Typographus, Aberdoniæ, 1655. |

4°. Six leaves + A—T, two leaves each. *Collation.* 1 Title, verso blank, 2—5^1, pp. [7], Dedication to Dr. Alexander Dowglas, 5^2—6^2 blank, A—C 1^1, pp. 2-9 (p. 2 is on A 1^2), Præfatio, C 1^2—T 2^1, pp. 11-75 (p. 11 is on C 2^1), Dissertatio Theologica, T 2^2 is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

GUILD, WILLIAM. Anti-christ | Pointed and painted out in | his true Colours. | Or | The Pope of Rome, proven to bee | that Man of Sinne, and Sonne of Per- | dition, fore-prophesied in Scripture. | By the clear witnessing of Roman Catholicks | themselues; Who lived and died in the | Communion of that Church. | For converting or convincing of anie Papist | that is not wilfullie obdured. | Deut. 32. 31. | [Quoted.] By William Guild, Doctor of Divinitie, | and Preacher of Gods Word. |

Printed in Aberdene, by Iames Brown, 1655. |

8°. A—L in eights. A 1 has Woodcut of Unicorn supporting shield with three towers printed on both sides of the leaf.

British Museum.

1656.

FORBES, ROBERT. Theses | Philosophicae, | Quas Auspice & Propitio | D.O.M. | Adolescentes laureæ Magisterialis | Candidati | In inclyta Abredonensi acade- | miâ Mareschallanâ | 8. Id. Jul. | publicè propugnabunt, | horis & loco solitis. | Arbitro Roberto Forbesio. | [Motto.]

Abredoniis, | E Typographæo Jacobi Broun, | Urbis & Academiæ Typothetæ. | Anno 1656. |

4°. Two leaves + A, four leaves + B, two leaves. *Collation.* Title, Dedication to Provost Geo. Morison commences on verso, continued on next folio, marked 3, signed by 17 candidates, A—B 2, pp. 2-12 (p. 2 is on verso of A 1, marked A 2), Theses.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

GUILD, WILLIAM. An | Answer | To a Popish Pamphlet, | called | The Touch-Stone of | the Reformed Gospell. | made speciallie out of themselves. | Math. 15. 13. | *Everie Plant which my heavenlie* | Father *hath not planted, shall be* | *rooted up.* | By William Guild, D.D. | and Preacher of Gods | Word. |

Aberdene, | Printed by Iames Brown, | 1656. |

12°. A—Q 6 in twelves. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank, A 2—4[1], pp. [5], Dedication to "Sir Thomas Mudie, Provest of Dundie, John Scrimgeor, William Duncan, Alexander Watson, and David Yeoman, Baylies: And to the Remnant of the Honourable Councell of that Burgh." A 4[2] blank, A 5—9, pp. [10], To the Reader, A 10—Q 1, pp. 2-344 (p. 2 is on A 10[2]), An Answere To the Touch-stone, Q 2—3[1], pp. [3], An Advertisement To the Reader, Q 3[2]—4[2], pp. [3], Names of the Authours, Q 5[1] Errata, Q 5[2]—6[2] blank. Pages 295-343 are mispaged 294-342; 344 is marked 334.

University Library, Aberdeen.

GUILD, WILLIAM. The | Noveltie | Of Poperie, | Discovered and chieflie pro- | ven by Romanists out of | themselves. | [Mottoes.] | By William Guild, D.D. and | Preacher of Gods word. |

Aberdene, | Printed by Iames Brown, 1656. |

12°. Six leaves + A—G 6 in twelves. The first leaf is blank, 2 Title, verso blank, 3 (marked A 2)—6[1], pp. [7], Dedication to David Wilkie, Dean of Gild of Edinburgh, A—G 6, pp. 2-156 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), Noveltie of Poperie, &c.

University Library, Aberdeen.

GUILD, WILLIAM. Explication of the Revelations. Aberdene, 1656.

16°. *Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica.*

1657.

DOWGLAS, WILLIAM. Vindiciae | Psalmodiæ Ecclesiastico-divinæ. | In quibus Corruptelæ & Errores circa hunc | sacrum Cultum deteguntur & refellun- | tur, ipseque Cultus hic sacer clarè | asseritur. | [Mottoes.] Authore Gvlielmo Dowglasio | S.S. Theologiæ Professore in Academia | Regia Aberdonensi. |

Excudebat Jacobus Brunus Urbis & Academiæ | Typographus, Aberdoniæ, 1657. |

4°. Six leaves + A—I, two leaves each. 1[1] Title, 1[2]—4[1], pp. 3-7, (p. 3 is on 2[1]), Dedication to the Magistrates of Aberdeen, and Parænesis ad Candidatos, 4[2] is blank, 5—A 1[2], pp. [6], Præfatio, A 2—R 2[1], pp. 2-65 (p. 2 is on A 2[2]), Vindiciæ, R 2[2]—S 2[1], pp. [4], Index, S 2[2] is blank. K 2 is marked L 2; L and L 2, marked M and M 2.

Professor Dowglas met with the usual recompence for his Dedication, as we see from an entry in the Aberdeen Council Register, dated first of April, 1657:—"The said day, the counsell ordanis and appoints the magistrats to aggrie with the printer for printing and binding of ane litle book callit Psalmodia Ecclesiastico Divina Vindicata, put to the press be Mr Williame Douglas, professor of divinitie in Old Aberdeine, and dedicat to the provest, baillies, and counsell of Aberdeine." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 165.]

University Library, Aberdeen.

WEEKLY DIURNALL. 29 July, 1657. The said day, the counsell appoints ane weekly diurnall to be sellit for the wse of the inhabitants, and John Forbes,

stationer, to furnish the samen weekly, and appoints the deane of gild to pey the said John for the samen, wheranent thir presents to be his warrand.

Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 165.

The payment is duly recorded in the Burgh Accounts for 1656-57:—"Item peyit be the compter to John Forbes, stationer, for fyften diornalls, at the magistrats ordor, four pund ten sh. [Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Vol. V., p. 181.]

WHYTE, ALEXANDER. Theses | Philosophicae | Quas, | Athenæi Mareschallani Magi- | sterii Candidati, quadriennale curriculū emensi, | Laureâ Triumphali hac vice condecorandi IX. Calen- | das Quintileis A.P.D.O.M. publice propugnabunt | horis & loco solitis. Præside Alexandro | Quhyteo. | [Mottoes.]

Abredoniis | E Typographæo Jacobi Broun Urbis | & Academiæ Typothetæ, Ann. Ær. Christi, | 1657. |

4°. Four leaves + A—K, two leaves each. Title, verso blank. Dedication to the Magistrates of Aberdeen, pp. [5], verso of third leaf blank. The Dedication is signed by fifteen candidates, including Bishop Burnet, and James Gregory, inventor of the reflecting telescope. A—K, pp. 2-40 (p. 2 is on A 1²), Theses.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

1658.

CANT, ANDREW, JUNIOR. Theses | Philosophicae | Quas A.P.D.O.M. Athenæi Ma- | reschallani Alumni, Laureâ triumphali hâc vice | condecorandi, ad Jul. 9 horis & loco so- | litis, publicè propugnabunt | Arbitro Andrea Cantæo. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdoniis | E Typographæo Jacobi Broun Urbis & Aca- | demiæ Typothetæ, An. Ær. Christi 1658. |

4°. Three leaves + A—Q 1 in fours. 1 Title, verso blank, 2—3, pp. [4], Dedication to Earl Marischal, signed by twenty-three candidates, A—Q 1[1], pp. 2-121 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), Theses, Q 1[2] is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

SIBBALD, JAMES. Diverse | Select | Sermons | Upon severall Texts of holy | Scriptvre, | Preached by that Reverend and faith- | full Servant of Jesus Christ, | D. James Sibald; | Doctour of Divinity, | Late Preacher of the Gospell, at | Aberdene, | There-after | At Dvblin, in Ireland. | Published after his Death. | Revel. 3. 3. | [Quoted.]

Printed at Aberdene, by Iames Brown, 1658. |

4°. Four leaves + A—Z in fours. 1 Title, verso blank, 2 Dedication to John Jaffray, Provost, and to the Town Council of Aberdeen, 3—4[1], pp. 6-7 (p. 6 is on 3[2]), To the Reader, 4[2] is blank, A—Z, pp. 2-114 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), Sermons.

University Library, Aberdeen.

1659.

DOWGLAS, WILLIAM. Academiarvm | Vindiciæ, | In quibus | Novantium præjudicia contra Academias etiam | Reformatus averruncantur, eorundemque Institutio | recta proponitur. | Authore Gvil. Dowglasio S.S. Theo- | logiæ Professore in Academia Regia Aberdonensi. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Iacobus Brunus Urbis et Acad. Typographus. | Anno Dom. MDCLIX. |

4°. Seven leaves ÷ A—N 1, two leaves each. The first leaf is blank, 2^1 blank, 2^2 Bookplate of King's College, Aberdeen, at the top, Latin verses in the centre, with a rude woodcut of a bird at foot of the page, 3^1 Title, 3^2—7^2, pp. [9], Dedication to the Professors of King's College, Aberdeen, A—N 1, pp. 2-50 (p. 2 is on A 1^2), Academiarum Vindiciæ.

University Library, Aberdeen.

MELDRUM, GEORGE. Theses | Philosophicae | Quas posuerunt Adolescentes, Laureæ | Magisterialis Candidati, in inclyta Universita- | tis Abredonensis, Academia Mareschallana, | et A.P.D.O.M. ad Junij 2[4] horis | et loco solitis, publicè propugna- | bunt. | Præside Georgio Meldrumio. | [Mottoes.]

Abredoniis | E Typographæo Jacobi Broun Urbis et Academiæ | Typothetæ Ann. Ær. Christi, 1659. |

4°. Four leaves + A—N, two leaves each. 1^1 Title, 1^2 blank, 2—4^1, pp. [5], Dedication to the Magistrates and Council of Aberdeen, signed by Meldrum and fourteen candidates, 4^2 is blank, A—N, pp. 2-52 (p. 2 is on A 1^2), Theses.

University Library, Aberdeen.

MESSAGE. Message | Sent from the | King of Scots, | And the | Duke of York's | Court in Flanders; | To the Lord Douglas, and Collonel | Brown; To be communicated to the rest of the Nobility | and Gentry in the Scottish Nation. | With | Proposals and Overtures, for the | composing of all Differences, the submitting to Counsel, and | the preventing of a Universal Desolation. |

Printed at Aberdeen, by David Stranghan; | And Translated out of the Original, for general satisfaction. |

4°. Four leaves, or, pp. 8. Signed *C. Culpepper*, dated from Brussels, Novemb. 6. 1659. The copy examined was formerly in the Library of George Chalmers, who marks it *Rare and Curious*. There is also a copy in the University Library, Edinburgh. I am inclined to think that this is printed by Brown under a feigned name, but unfortunately there is very little about the tract to enable one to form a very decided opinion.

Dr. Webster, M.P., Edgehill, Aberdeen.

1660.

ADDRESS. [Address to Charles II. from the University of Aberdeen, 1660.]

Oblong Folio leaf, printed on one side. No date, place, or printer's name, but printed in Aberdeen by James Brown, 1660. Woodcut of Crown at top of the page. *Commencement*, "Augustissimo Illustrissimo, et Serenissimo Monarchæ, | Carolo Secundo | Dei Gratiâ Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ Regi, Fidei Defensori, &c. | Collegii Regii Universitatis Aberdonensis Patrono Magnificentissimo. | S.P.D.C. | " Then follows the Address.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

DOWGLAS, ROBERT. The Forme and Order of the Coronation of Charles the Second, King of Scotland, England, France and Ireland; as it was acted and done at Scoone, the first Day of January, 1651.

Aberdeene, James Brown, 1660.

4°. pp. 38. The Sermon by Mr. Robert Douglas, which is printed first, occupies 28 pp. The 'Forme' consists of 10 pp.

I have copied the above from Lowndes' Bibliographer's Manual (Bohn's Edition), p. 418, but I think it probable that the London reprint of 1660 has been mistaken for an Aberdeen edition of that year. Mr. Hazlitt in his Handbook to Popular and Dramatic Literature, p. 95, has a similar entry.

DOWGLAS, WILLIAM. The | Stable Trveths | Of The Kirk | Reqvire A Sv- | table Behaviour. | Holden forth by way of Sermon upon | 1 Tim. 3. Vers. 14. 15. delivered by Mr. | William Dowglas Professor of Di- | vinity in Kings Colledge, in the Uni- | versity of Aberden, before the pro- | vinciall Synod of Aberdene, | April 18. 1659. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdene, | Printed by J. B. in March, Ann. 1660. |

4°. Two leaves + A—M, two leaves each. 1[1] Title, 1[2] Errata, 2, pp. [3]-4, Dedication to Lord Duffus, A—M 2[1], pp. 2-47 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), Sermon, M 2[2] is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

FORBES, ROBERT. Theses | Philosophicae | Quas Auspice et propitio | D.O.M. | Adolescentes Laureæ Magisterialis | Candidati | in Inclyta Abredonensi academia Marischallanâ | Julii, 17. | Publice propugnabunt horis et loco solitis | Præside Roberto Forbesio. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdoniis. | E Typographæo Jacobi Broun Vrbis & Aca- | demiæ Typothetæ, Anno 1660. |

4°. Two leaves + A—F, two leaves each. 1[1] Title, 1[2]—2[2], pp. [3], Dedication to James Innes, eldest son of Sir Robert Innes, signed by twenty candidates, A—F, pp. 2-24 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), Theses.

University Library, Aberdeen.

MENZEIS, JOHN. Britannia Rediviva, | Or | A Gratvlatory | Sermon | For His Majesties safe Ar- | rivall and happy Restitution to the exercise | of His Royall Government. | Preached, at the desire of the Ma- | gistrats and Councell of Aberdene, on the | XIX

of June, which they had de- | signed to be a day of Solemne Rejoy- | cing within the City, for the Mercy above | mentioned, | By John Menzeis, Professor of Divinity: and Prea- | cher of the Gospell in Aberdene. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdene, | Printed by James Brown, Ann. 1660. |

4°. Six leaves + A—F, two leaves each. *Collation.* 1[1] blank, 1[2] Recommendation by Professor William Dowglas, and Errata, 2[1] Title, 2[2] blank, 3—6, pp. [8], Dedication to the Magistrates and Council of Aberdeen, A—F, pp. 2-24 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), Sermon.

University Library, Aberdeen.

PATERSON, JOHN. Post nubila Phoebus | Or | A Sermon | Of | Thanksgiving | For the safe and happy Returne | of our gracious Soveraign, | to His Ancient Dominions, and | Restauration to His just and Native | Dignity, Royalties and | Government. | Preached in the City of Aberden, | at the desire of the Lord | Provest, Bailies, and | Councell thereof, upon the XIX | day of Iune. | By Mr. Iohn Patersone Minister of the | Gospell in the said Bvrgh. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdene, | Printed by Iames Brown, Ann. Dom. M.DC.LX. |

4°. Three leaves + A—F 1, two leaves each. 1 Title, verso blank, 2—3[1], pp. [3], Dedication to the Town Council of Aberdeen, 3[2] Recommendation by Professor William Dowglas, A—F 1[1], pp. 2-21 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), Sermon, F 1[2] is blank.

The last two works were printed by command of the Town Council of Aberdeen, as we learn from an entry in the Council Register, dated 15th August, 1660:—"The said day, the counsell appoints the sermons preachit in the churches of this brughe be Mr John Paterson, minister of this brughe, and Mr John Mengzes, professor of divinitie, vpon the

day of last, for the Kings Majesties happie restauration to the just governement of his dominions, to be put to the presse and printit with all convenient dilligence, wpon the charges of the toune, and appoints the ministers to be aquaint for puting the saids sermons in order for the forsaid effect; as also that the forme and maner of the solemnitie be the inhabitants of this burghe the said day for the forsaid effect, be siclyk put to the press, and printit vpon the tounes charges, and that the samen be put in good order therfor." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 191.]

The "forme and maner of the solemnitie" I have not yet seen. It was probably a broadsheet.

University Library, Aberdeen.

ROW, JOHN. ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΑ | ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΗ. | [Woodcut of Bookplate of King's College Library, and Latin Verses.]

Aberdoniis | Excudebat Jacobus Brunus Urbis et Uni- | niversitatis (*sic*) Typotheta 1660. |

4°. Three leaves + A—C 1, two leaves each. 1¹ Woodcut of Royal Arms, 1² blank, 2¹ Title, 2² Dedication to Professor William Dowglas, 3¹:—"Junij 14. Die Jovis. 1660. | ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΑ ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΗ. | Ad | Illustrissimum Monarcham | Carolvm II, | Dei gratiâ Magnæ Britāniæ, Franciæ | et Hiberniæ Regem, fidei catholicæ, Aposto- | licæ & orthodoxæ Defensorem; post duo-decen- | nale exilium triste nimis, in patriam, et ad Pa- | ternum & Avitum redeuntem thronum (Qui | Maij XXIX, anni LX supra MDC, qui | dies et Regi natalis fuit, anno regni | sui 12, Londinum, cum acclamatione & ap- | plausu summis subiit) . . . . Carmen: | Quod | Mag: Joannes Row Principalis Collegii | Regii Aberdonensis, in Universitate Carolina | Theologiæ et Hebreæ linguæ ibidem Professor, lætus, | laudans, gratulans, solans, hortans, suadens, | supplicans, et precans cecinit. | Vivat Rex Carolvs II. | Psal. 126. 1. 2. &c. | " 3² Woodcut of Royal Arms, A—B 2¹, pp. 2-7 (p. 2 is on A 1²), ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΑ ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΗ, B 2²—C 1¹ blank, C 1² Woodcut of Bookplate.

University Library, Aberdeen.

SANDILAND, PATRICK. [Theses Logicæ, Ethicæ, Physicæ et Metaphysicæ.]

Large Folio Sheet, verso blank. Woodcut of Bookplate of King's College at foot, with this colophon:—"Decermina hæc Philosophica, A.P.D.O.M. | in solenni Philosophantiũ diatribâ, supra no- | minati Adolescentes quadriennale curriculum e- | mensi, hâc vice cum laureâ Magisterialis è Collegio | Regio Vniversitatis Aberdonensis emittendi, propug- | nabunt, præside Patricio Sandi- | landio, horis et loco solitis. | Jul. 12. 1660. | Excudebat Jacobus Brunus Urbis | & Academiæ Typographus. | "

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

1661.

HUMBLE ADDRESS. [Humble Address of the Synod of Aberdeen, praying for the Restoration of Episcopal Government in the Church of Scotland.]

4°. Two leaves. No place or printer's name, but I think it is printed by Brown. There is no Titlepage. *Beginning*:—"To his Grace his Majestie's high Commissioner | and the High Court of Parliament, | The humble Address of the Synod of Aberdeen. | The various Dispensations wherewith the righteous, &c." *End*:—"We have all subscribed it with our Hands. At the Kings Colledge at Aberdeen, the 18. of April 1661. years," then follows a list of the signatories.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

LESLIE, JAMES. Ὁ Αστήρ Ορθρινος Απολαμπει— Seu Natalis Domini relucet, refulget, in Academia Marischallana Carolinæ Universitatis Aberdonensis. Aberdoniis. 1661.

4°. Title, Dedication to Lord Keith, and To the Reader, three leaves, Oratio, two leaves. An apology is made for the youth and unskilfulness of the Printer.

B. Quaritch's Catalogue, No. 324, p. 1524.

LOGIE, ANDREW. Remonstrance to the Godly Party. By Andrew Logie, some time Archdeane of Aberdene.

Aberdene, 1661.

4°. *Catalogue of a Collection of Books*, [*David Constable's*], *1827, p. 29.*

Sine Anno.

GUILD, WILLIAM. Compend of the Controversies in Religion.

Aberdeen. n.d.

Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica, 450 c.

JOHN FORBES.

1662.

COVENANT. Generall Demands, | Concerning the Late | Covenant; | Propounded by the Ministers and | Professors of Divinity in Aberdene: | To some Reverend Brethren, who came thither | to recommend the late Covenant to them, and | to those who are committed to their charge: | Together | With the Answeres of those reverend | Brethren to the said Demands: | As also | The Replyes of the foresayd Mini- | sters & Professors to their Answeres. | 1. Pet. 3. 15. 16. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, | Reprinted by John Forbes, Anno Dom. 1662. |

4°. A—Tt, two leaves each. Arms of the City of Aberdeen on verso of Title. K 1 is a part title:—"The | Ansvveres | Of Some Brethren | Of The Ministerie, | To The | Replyes | Of the Ministers and Professoures | of Divinity in Aberdene; | Concerning | The Late Covenant | 2. Chron. 15. 15. [Quoted.]" S 1 is also a part title:—"Duplyes | Of the Ministers and Professors | of Aberdene, | To | The second Answeres of some | Reverend Brethren, | Concerning The Late | Covenant. | Jerem. 15. 19. 1 Pet. 2. 17. [Quoted.]" Arms of the City of Aberdeen on verso of S 1.

British Museum.

FORBES, JOHN. Cantus, Songs, and Fancies, To Three, Foure, or Five Partes, both apt for Voices and

Viols, with a briefe Introduction to Musicke as is taught in the Musick Schoole of Aberdeene, by T. D[avidson.]

Printed in Aberdene, by John Forbes, and are to be sold in his printing house, above the Meal Market, at the Sign of the Town's Armes. 1662.

4°. G. Chalmers's Sale Catalogue, 1842, Part III., No. 481. Against this entry in the Signet Library copy of this Sale Catalogue is the following note:—"Sold for £6 to Thorpe, for W. H. M[iller?]" If my conjecture of the purchaser's name is correct, it will most likely be at Britwell. No other copy of this, the first edition, is known.

Forbes was recompensed for his efforts, as we see by the following order of the Town's authorities:—"18 March, 1663. The said day, the counsell appoints Thomas Mitchell, deane of gild, to pay to John Forbes, stationer, the sowme of ane hundreth merks Scotts money for his paines in printing certane musicall songs dedicat to the counsell." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 206.]

KENNEDY, JAMES. ΔΙΑΔΗΜΑ *καὶ* ΜΙΤΡΑ. | Seu | Daphnidis | Et | Drvydvm | Reditus, | Eclogâ Bucolicâ | Celebratus. | Authore | Jacobo Kennedo Iuniore, | Scoto-Aberdonensi. |

—— Nomen |

Semper honorandum (sic Numina vultis) habebo. |

Aberdoniæ | Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius An. 1662. |

4°. A, four leaves, or pp. 8. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Woodcut of Royal Arms, A 2[1] (p. 3), "Ad Authorem *τετρασιχόν*," signed "Jo. Forbesius, In Vniversitatis Aberdonensis Collegio Regio Humanioris literaturæ Professor." A 2[2] (p. 4), Epigramma To the Archbp. of St. Andrews. A 3—4 Diadema.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

1663.

BARON, ROBERT. De Discrimine Peccati venialis ac mortalis, et de Possibilitate aut Impossibilitate implendi Legem ob quotidianam Peccatorum venialium incursionem, cum Appendice.

Aberd. 1663.

8°. *Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica.*

COVENANT. The | Generall Demands, | Of the reverend Doctors of Divinitie, and | Ministers of the Gospell in Aberdene, | Concerning | The Late Covenant, | In | Scotland. | Together, | With the Answeres, Replyes, and Duplyes that | followed thereupon, in the Year, 1638. | Reprinted in one Book, by order of | Parliament. | Cum Privilegio. | Prov. 24.21. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, | Printed by John Forbes, Anno Dom. 1663. |

4°. General Title, verso blank, followed by a leaf (recto blank) with woodcut of Royal Arms on verso, A—Tt, two leaves each, besides four leaves, unnumbered, between I and K, bearing on recto of 1st leaf:—"Imprinted at Edinburgh by Robert | Young, Printer to the Kings | most excellent Maiestie. | Cum Privilegio. | Anno. 1638. | And re-printed at Aberdene, | by John Forbes, Anno 1663. | " Royal Arms on verso. The Marquis of Hamilton's Declaration occupies the remaining three leaves. That portion of the book marked A—Tt is exactly the same as described under 1662, and the first Titlepage, or A 1, bears that date.

In the synod Register of Aberdeen, under date Wednesday, 28th October, 1663, the following interesting entry occurs relating to this edition:—"The said day, it is recomendit be the bishope to haill bretherine

of the synod, that they buy from Johne Forbes, stationer, the queries, replyes, and duplyes of the doctoris of Aberdene and professors of divinitie ther at the pryce of ffyfteene shillingis Scottis money the peece; as also, it is thocht fitt that the declinator of the bishopes at the pretended Assemblie in Glasgow be printed and bought by the haill bretherine of the synode." [Selections from the Ecclesiastical Registers of Aberdeen, p. 270.]

On the 20th October, 1666, it was found that some of the Ministers had not complied with this Act, at least so far as concerned the payment of the books. The synod ordered:—"that all ministeris who haue not givin satisfactione to Johne Forbes, stationer, for these bookis of the queries, replyes and duplyes of the doctors of Aberdene, conforme to former actis made theranent, shall pay in the same to the respective moderators at the first or nixt meiting of ther exerceises; and the moderators ar ordained to take ane nott of the deficientis, and represent the samyn to the lord bishope, within ten weekis after the dait heirof, that they may be censured accordinglie, and course takin for satisfieing the said Johne, who hes lyin out thir severall yeiris bygane off satisfactione for printing these bukis at ane great charge." [Id., p. 282.]

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

1665.

KEITH, GEORGE. Help in time of Need, from the God of Help. | To the | People of the (so called) Church of Scotland, especially the once | more zealous and professing, who have so shamefully degene- | rated and declined from that which their Fathers the Primitive | Protestants attained unto; yea, and from what they have but | of late themselves, so zealously asserted and maintained to be | the cause and work of God, which now they have generally | shrunk from, the most part actively complying and concuring to | the building up again and healing of old Babylon, that, even by | themselves so called, and runing into the excess of ryot with | the prophane world, (like the Dog

returning to the vomit, and | the Sow to the puddle, after the being once washed) others be- | ing lying by, and cowardly bowing under, and giving up them- | selves to a detestable neutralitie, which they in express termes | vowed against to the most high God, not daring to bear a testi- | mony by their sufferings (plentiful occasion being given) for | that, they, when having power made others suffer, who would | not concur with them; and all of them (almost) joyning toge- | ther, as a common enemy against the work and glorious appea- | rance of God, brought and more abundantly bringing forth, | among his people called in derision Quakers, by the Ismaels of | this Generation, who mock at, and persecute the true Heirs of | the promise, as ever it hath so been from the foundation of the | World. | Being certain particulars very weighty, and of great concern- ment for them | to consider seriously, for their Souls good, directed unto them, by a true | lover of their welfare and prosperity both temporal and eternal, a mour- | ner over them in this time of their great calamity and distress, who hath oft | poured forth his soul before God on their behalf, that they might be saved, | one of their brethren according to the flesh, and a true Protestant & friend | to the good Old Cause against Babylon in whatsoever appearance. | Writ by George Keith Prisoner for the Truth in Aberdein | in the latter end of the year 1664. | Isa. 51. 18, 19, 20, 23. Ezek. 20. 4. Jer. 5. 10. Jer. 6. 15. Revel. 19. 6, 7, 8. | [Partly Quoted.]

Printed in the Year 1665. |

4°. Without place or printer's name. A—L 2 in fours.

University Library, Aberdeen.

KEITH, GEORGE. A | Salutation | of | Dear and tender Love to | The | Seed of God | Arising in | Aberdeen, | in two epistles. | Directed unto Friends of truth in that Place, whom the Lord | hath called, and is calling forth to bear their Testimony for his | Glorious Truth, (against an evil, adulterous, and Persecuting | Generation) with others their dear Friends in these Nations. | Writ by George Keith Prisoner for the said Testimony | in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen. | Isa. 60. 22. Isa. 30. 7. Isa. 62. 1. Isa. 62. 10, 11, 12. | [Quoted.]

Printed in the Year 1665. |

4°. Without place or printer's name. Four leaves, or pp. 8.

J. Edmond's Sale Catalogue, 1882.

1666.

FORBES, JOHN. Cantus, | Songs and Fancies, | To Three, Four, or | Five Parts, | Both apt for Voices and Viols. | With a brief Introduction | to Musick, | As is taught by Thomas | Davidson, in the Musick- | School of Aberdene. | Second Edition, Corrected | and Enlarged. |

Aberdene, | Printed by John Forbes, and are to be sold at his shop, | Anno Domini. M.DC.LXVI. | And are to be sold at Edinburgh, by David Trench, Book-seller. |

Oblong 4°. †, four leaves, ††, four leaves + A—L 2 in fours. *Collation.* † 1[1] Title, with quaint woodcut border, Initials F. V. in lower right-hand corner, † 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, † 2—3, pp. [4], Dedication to Gilbert Gray, Provost of Aberdeen, and to the other Magistrates and Councillors, signed Iohn Forbes, † 4[1] Table of the Songs, † 4[2] Woodcut of a Hand, †† 1—4, pp. [8], Musical Catechism, A—L 2 Cantus. The pages are not numbered. Six songs are omitted in this edition, which appeared in that of 1662, but the three Cantus, The Pleugh Song, All Sons of Adam, and Trip and go hey, are printed at the end. They are only to be found in this edition, for in that of 1682, the Italian Songs take their place.

University Library, Aberdeen.

PSALM TUNES. *Music.* [Psalm Tunes to four voices.]

Aberdene, Printed by Iohn Forbes, and are to be sold at his Shop, 1666.

Oblong 8°. Eight leaves. D. Laing's Sale Catalogue, 1879, Part I., No. 2977, described as unique.

Hazlitt's Collections and Notes, 2nd *Series.*

THESES. 22nd August, 1666. The said day the counsell wnderstanding that the Theses put out by the Regent, who did lauriat the scollaris of the colledge this yeir, was dedicat to the provest, baillies, and counsell, therfor for defraying ane part of the charge therof, ordaines the dean of gild to pay the printing of the said Theses to the printer, and paper therof, wheranent thir presents to be warrand for allowing the samen in his accompts.

Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 232.

JOHN FORBES, YOUNGER.

1668.

KEITH, GEORGE. Immediate Revelation, | Or | Jesus Christ the Eternall Son of God, re- | vealed in man and revealing the knowledge of God, and the things | of his Kingdom, immediately. | Or | The Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit of pro- | mise, the spirit of Prophecy, poured forth, and inspiring man, and | induing him with power from on high, and baptising him thereun- | to, giving him wisdom, understanding, and knowledge from above, | (and giving to some, utterance, and moving them, by his own im- | mediate assistance to speak forth, and declare the wonderful things | of God) | Not ceased | But remaining a standing and perpetual Ordinance in the | Church of Christ, and being of indispensible necessity as to the | whole body in general, so to every member thereof; every true | Believer in particular, asserted and demonstrated. | And the objections that have any seeming weight against it answered. | Prov. 29. 18. [Quoted.] | Writ by George Keith Prisoner for the Truth, in the Tolbooth of Aber- | dein, the 29th of the third Moneth. 1665. |

Printed in the Year. 1668. |

4°. Without place or printer's name. A—S 2 in fours, pp. [2]+136.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

MENZIES, JOHN. Papismus Lucifugus, | Or | A faithfull Copie of the Papers ex- | changed betwixt Mr. Iohn Menzeis, | Professor of Divinity in the Maris- | chal-Colledge of Aberdene, and | Mr. Francis Dempster, Iesuit, other- | wise Sirnamed Rin or Logan. | Wherein | The Iesuit declines to have the truth of Religion examined, | either by Scripture or Antiquity, though frequently appealed thereunto. | As Also, | Sundry of the chief Points of the Popish Religion are demon- | strated to be repugnant both to Scripture and Antiquity, | yea, to the Ancient Romish-Church. | To All Which | Is premised in the Dedication a true Narration | of a verball Conference with the same Iesuit. | Tit. 1. 10, 11. | Aug. lib. 2. de Bapt. con. Don. cap. 6. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, | Printed by Iohn Forbes Younger, Printer to the Tovvn. | Anno Dom. M.DC.LXVIII. |

4°. †, 4 ll., ††, 4 ll., †††, 4 ll., ††††, 2 ll., †††††, 4 ll. + A—Ll in fours. † 1[1] Title, † 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, † 2[1]—††† 3[2], pp. [20], Dedication to Mr. Robert Patrie of Portlethen, Provost, and to the other Magistrates and Councillors of Aberdeen, ††† 4[1]—††††† 4[2], pp. [14], To the Reader, A—Ll 4, pp. 1-272, A faithfull Copie of the Papers, &c.

The expense of printing this work was borne by the Town of Aberdeen, but in return, the Magistrates, for the time being, became possessors of the stock, which was sold on behalf of the City. The minute of fifteenth January, 1668, gives the details of the transaction as follows:—"The said day, the magistrats proposeing to the councell that Mr John Menzies, professor of divinitie in this burgh, did resolve to dedicat to them the dispute betuixt him and Mr Dempster *alias* Logane or Rhind, ane Jesuite, which he was with all dilligence to put to the presse for printing therof, for informatione of all who micht be concerneit: The councell being advyseit theranent, holds themselues bound in duetie to accept of his said profer, and recomends to the magistrats to render him thanks for his so laudable and good intentione, in puting the saids

disputes to the presse for the forsaid effect; and withall, that the dean of gild caus furnish paper and oversee the printing of the same, and receave in the copies and sell the same for the tounes vse at the best availl, ther being alwayes such ane competent number as the said professor sall desyre freelie giuen af to him for his owne and his freinds vse." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 247.]

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

MURE, ANDREW. Πηγιαμα Or the Vertues of, and way how to use the Minerall and Medicinall-Water | at Peterhead in Scotland, within the Shire of Aberdene: | Whose Latitude is 57. Degrees 43. minuts: Longitude 22. Degrees 40. minuts. | This being the Compend of a Peece, written Anno 1636. by A. M. then Student, now M. D. & P. in A. R. Aberdon. |

Aberdene, Printed by Iohn Forbes Younger, Printer to the Vniversitie, Anno 1668. |

F°. Broadsheet. Both "Peece" and "Compend" are in the Bodleian Library, and although the former was not printed in Aberdeen, and therefore does not legitimately come within the range of my labours, yet for several reasons I have added its title and collation to this note:—

ΠΙΔΑΞ ΠΕΤΡΕΙΑ | Or, | The discoverie of S. Peters | Well, at Peter-head, in | Scotland, being in lati- | tude 57. d. 43. m. and in lon- | gitude 22. d. 40. m. | Shewing the admirable vertues thereof, | against many deplorable diseases. | By | A. M. Student in Medicine. | [Motto.]

Edinburgh, | Printed by the Heirs of Andrew Hart, | Anno Dom. 1636. |

8°. A, four leaves, B—C in eights.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

1669.

ALEXANDER, ALEXANDER. Philosophemata Libera, | Præproperè conserta, quæ Lycæi Maris- |

challani Vniversitatis Carolinæ | Aberdonensis Magisterii candidati, | Laurea Triumphali hac vice condeco- | randi A.P.D.O.M. publicè pro- | pugnabunt, in celebri Philoso- | phantium palæstra, | Iulii [8] | Auspiciis Alexandri Alexander. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdoniis, | E Typographæo Ioannis Forbesii Junioris Urbis | & Academiæ Typothetæ Anno. 1669. |

4°. Four leaves + A—K, two leaves each. *Collation.* 1[1] Title, within woodcut borders, 1[2] Large woodcut of a Female, seated, 2—4[1], pp. [5], Dedication to Earl Marischal, signed by Alex. Alexander, and twenty-two candidates, 4[2] Large woodcut of a Female, standing, A—K 1, pp. 2-38 (p. 2 is on A 1[2]), Theses, K 2 is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

SCOLDING. Scolding | No | Scholarship: | In The Abyss | Or, | Groundles Grounds | Of | The Protestant Religion, | as hol- | den out by M. Menzeis in his | Brawlings against M. Demp- | ster. | *We have heard of the Pride of* Moab (*he is very* | *proud*) *even of his haughtiness, and his Pride* | *and his wrath; but his lyes shall not be so,* Isaiah | 16. V. 6. According to Protestants Translation. | *The house of God, which is the Church of the living* | *God, the Pillar and Ground of Truth,* 1 Tim. 3. 15. |

Printed for the Author, 1669. |

8°. A, two leaves + B—O in eights. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank, A 2, pp. [2], An Advertisement, B—O, pp. 1-208 (marked 298), An Answer, &c. Anonymous. Without place or printer's name. This work has been usually catalogued as printed at Aberdeen by John Forbes, Younger, but after a careful examination of the printing, and a comparison with Forbes's work of that date, I have come to the conclusion that it is a foreign production. My opinion has been formed without reference to

the Author's statement in the Advertisement in which he says:—"This short Reply to Mr. Menzeis greater Book, was offered to the Press at Aberdene within a moneth after it first appeared; but the Stationer being inhibited by Publick Authority (and that as is thought at M. Menzeis desire) I was forced first to make it to be transcribed, and then fitted for abroad, where it is not easie to us, to have any thing well Printed or returned in hast." An inhibition would not have had great weight with Forbes had he seen his way to escape detection. The book is a very rare one, and for a long time I was unable to find a copy, perhaps owing to its being an anonymous work. The Author's name I have not discovered, but we learn from the book that it could not have been Dempster, who did not live to see the "Papismus Lucifugus" published. He is said to have died a twelvemonth before Menzies printed his account of the controversy.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1670.

BARCLAY, ROBERT. Truth cleared of Calumnies, | Wherein | A Book intituled, | A Dialogue betwixt a Quaker, and | a Stable Christian | (Printed at Aberdeen, and upon good ground judged to | be writ by William Mitchell, a Preacher neer by it, or at | least that he had the Cheife hand in it) is examined, and | the disingenuity of the Author, in his represent- | ing the Quakers is discovered. | Here is also their case truly stated, cleared, demonstrated, and the | Objections of their Opposers answered, according to truth, | Scripture, and right Reason. | By Robert Barclay. | [Mottoes.]

Printed in the Year 1670. |

4°. A—I in fours.

British Museum.

BARCLAY, WILLIAM. Callirhoe, | Commonly Called | The Well of Spa, | Or The Nymph Of |

Aberdene | Resuscitat By | William Barclay | Mr. of Art, and Doctor of | Physick. | What Diseases may be cured by | drinkind of the Well of Spa at | Aberdene, and what is the true | use thereof. |

As it was Printed by Andro | Hart Anno Dom. 1615. | And Now | Reprinted at Aberdene by Iohn Forbes | Younger. Printer to the Town | and Universitie, Anno | Domini M.DC.LXX. |

8°. A—D in fours. A 1[1] Title, within a woodcut border, A 1[2] Arms of the City of Aberdeen, A 2—3, Dedication to the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of Aberdeen, signed "Philopolis." This Dedication is not in Hart's edition, the writer being Alexander Skene of Newtyle, at whose instance the tract was reprinted. A 4 Barclay's Dedication to Sir Robert Keith of Benholme, B—D Callirhoe. It was again reprinted at Aberdeen by Burnett and Rettie in 1799, in Duodecimo, with Verses at the end signed "A Water-Drinker."

The following Act of Council of the Burgh of Aberdeen relates to the reprint of 1670:—"9 March, 1670. The said day, anent the petitione given in to the counsell by Master Alexander Skeene of Newtyll, late baillie of the said brughe, showing that considdering everie bleessing bestowit be God on any place should be improvin for the publict good, and seing that medicinall wall at the Womanhill, commonly called the Wall of Spae, had been much neglectit thes severall yeires bygone, since the same wes stopit by the violent torrent of wateris which overturned it, after the same had been cairfullie buildit by ane inhabitant of this brughe, who had good prooff in his owne persone in cureing him of the stone, in memorie wherof he translated the same in ane more hansome way, with the portrature of sex apostles raisit on each side of ane long hewin stone, with which ornaments it had been sett forth for the notable vertues with which thes wateris ware indued, in heiling such varietie of diseases, as ane printed book, set out by Doctor William Barklay in the year 1615, did demonstrat; and now the said spring appeiring in its wonted place, and the wateris found to be of the same qualitie, according to the said doctor his marks and prescryvit meines of tryall, and it being found that the said wall had not beene onlie ane former great bleessing, but evin many at this tyme had felt the good effectis therof in cureing the gravill, and stone in the kidnes and blader, the collicks in the stomack, when so violent that nothing else could, and also despirat lyke hydropsies; therfor

desyreing the counsell that they wold be pleasit to permitt him to caus rebuild the said wall, in as comlie ane way as befor it had been, without any charge to them or the toune, and which being done, that they wold take it as ther owne and preserve and manteine it in tyme comeing; and also that thay wold caus reprint the said Doctor Barclayes book, which wold be about ane sheet of paper, with such testimonies as ther present phisitianes should, at ther desyre, from thair knowledge and experience annex, wherby seeklie strangeris knowing of such ane free offer of health might make the more frequent resort to this brughe, and be partakeris of the same goodnes of God with others, as in the petitione wes contenit." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 264.]

The extreme rarity of the original edition of this treatise is sufficient excuse for introducing a more accurate transcript of the Titlepage than has hitherto appeared, taken from the copy in the British Museum :—

Callirhoe, | The Nymph | Of Aberdene, | Resvscitat | By | William Barclay | M. of Art, and Doctor of | Physicke. | What diseases may be cured by drinking of the Well | at Aberdene, and what is the true vse thereof. | Printed by Andro Hart, | Anno Dom. 1615. |

8°. A, eight leaves + B, four leaves, the last leaf of B is blank. The Museum copy has bound up with it a copy in MS. of another of Barclay's Tracts—"The Nature and Effects of the new-found Well at Kinghorne: Declared by William Barclay, Master of Artes and Doctour of Physicke, and written in a Letter to my Lord the Earle of Dumfermeling, and Chancellor of Scotland. Edinburgh Printed by Andro Hart. Anno Domini 1618." I may here state that Barclay's "Apobaterium, or Last Farewell to Aberdene," which Dr. Joseph Robertson mentions in the "Book of Bon-Accord," but which he had not seen, is in the Bodleian Library, Oxford. It does not appear to have been a separate publication, but to have formed a portion of a volume of Poems by Barclay. The copy examined is very imperfect, but enough remains to warrant our ascribing the printing to Andro Hart.

British Museum.

BOOK OF RATES. New Book of Rates and Customs on Stockings and Plaidings to be printed, supposed expense 4000 or 5000 merks. 1670.

Council Register of Aberdeen, Vol. LV., pp. 230-234.

MITCHELL, WILLIAM. A Dialogue betwixt a Quaker, and a Stable Christian.

Aberdene, [?] 1670.

We are informed by Robert Barclay's "Truth cleared of Calumnies" that the above-named book was "printed at Aberdeen, and upon good ground judged to be writ by William Mitchell, a Preacher neer by it, or at least that he had the Chiefe hand in it." I have searched diligently for this work, but it has not been my good fortune yet to meet with it, perhaps owing to its being an anonymous book.

OVIDIUS NASO, PUBLIUS. Pub. | Ovidii | Nasonis | Svlmonensis. | Heroidum Epistolarum liber. | Cui accesserunt A. Sabini Poëtæ Epistolæ | tres ad Ovidianas Epistolas responsoriæ. | Item, in quendam quem vocat Ibin liber | Editio ultima prioribus longè emendatior. |

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Joannes Forbesius, | Urbis & Universitatis Typographus. Anno | Domini M.DC.LXX. |

8°. A—U in fours. Eighty leaves. Not paged. The Titlepage is within woodcut borders. Arms of the City of Aberdeen on verso of Title, and U 4.

University Library, Aberdeen.

TAYLOR, JOHN, the Water Poet. Verbum | Sempiter- | nvm. |

Aberdene, | Printed by John | Forbes 1670. |

A Thumb-Bible. Measures 0.36 × 0.31 Milom. A—K + a—h in eights. *Collation.* A 1 is wanting, probably it was a blank leaf, or may have had an initial letter on recto, as is the case with a 1, A 2^1 Bastard Title, "The | Bible, | " with woodcut devices above and below, A 2^2 blank, A 3^1 Title as above, A 3^2—4^2, pp. [3], Dedication to "Queen Katerin" in verse, signed I. Taylor, A 5, one folio, To the Reader, also

in verse, A 6—K 7 Verses on the Books of the Old Testament, K 8 is wanting, probably blank, a 1^1 blank, except the initial letter A in the centre of the page, a 1^2 blank, a 2^1 Bastard Title, "The New | Testa- | ment, | " with devices above and below, a 2^2 blank, a 3^1 Title, Salva- | tor Mundi. | Aberdene, | Printed by John | Forbes 1670. | " a 3^2—5^2, pp. [5], Dedication to King Charles, a 6, one folio, To the Reader, both signed by John Taylor, a 7—h 6^1 Verses on the Books of the New Testament, h 5^2 and 6^2 are blank, h 7^1 and 8^2 A Prayer, h 7^2 and 8^1 are blank. The pages are not numbered. I believe this to be unique, and perhaps the smallest book ever printed in Aberdeen. That it has survived, even in a single example, is marvellous, for its attractiveness to young and old is apparent from the copy examined, which bears the marks of many perusals, and several owners, but is in wonderfully good preservation. The typography is clear and very creditable to Forbes.

Alexander Gardyne, Hackney, London.

1671.

MITCHELL, WILLIAM. A Sober | Ansvvere, | To | An Angry Pamphlet: | Or, | Animadversions, | By way of Reply, to Robert | Barclays late Book (entituled, | Truth cleared of Calumnies) | in answere to a Dialogue | between a Quaker and | a Stable Chri- | stian. | By VVilliam Mitchell. | Matth. 24. 24. 2. Pet. 3. 17. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, Printed by Iohn Forbes, An. 1671. |

8°. Eight leaves + A—R in fours. *Collation.* 1^1 Title, within woodcut borders, verso blank, 2—6, pp. [12], Epistle to Robert Barclay, signed W. M., with the running head line, An admonition to the Quakers, In and about Aberdene, 7, pp. [2], To the Reader, 8^1 Errata, verso blank, A—R 3^1, pp. 2-133 (p. 2 is on A 1^2), A Sober Answere, R 3^2—4^2 blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

RAIT, WILLIAM. A Vindication, | Of The Reformed | Religion, | From the Reflections of a |

Romanist: | Written for Information of all, | who will receive the Truth in Love. | By William Rait Minister of | the Gospel at Dundie. | 2 Cor. 13. 8. Cyprianus ad Pompeium epist. 74. | [Quoted.]

Aberdene, Printed by Iohn For- | bes Younger, Printer to the Town and Vni- | versitie, dwelling on the Mercat-place, 1671. |

8°. a—f+A—Nn in fours. a 1[1] Title, within woodcut borders, a 1[2] blank, a 2[1]—b 1[1], pp. [7], Dedication to the Laird of Halgreen, b 1[2]—e 3[1], pp. [28], Preface to the Reader, e 3[2]—f 3[1], pp. [8], Cyrill's Confession of the Greek Church, f 3[2] blank, f 4[1] Errata, f 4[2] blank, A—Mm 1[2], pp. 1-274, Dialogue Betwixt a Papist, and a reformed Professour, Mm 2[1]—Nn 4[1], pp. 275-287, Postscript, Containing an Advertisement and Advice to the Merchants of Dvndie, who travell abroad: that they be not ensnared with the fopperies of Poperie, Nn 4[2] is blank. In the preface, Rait says that he "thought to have set down the entire Confession [of the Eastern Church] in the Greek language, but the Printer finding a defect in typs, the beginning of each Article and distinct period is set down in Greek, and a faithful translation is subjoined."

University Library, Aberdeen.

1672.

BARCLAY, ROBERT. Warning to the Inhabitants of Aberdene, 1672.

4°. Without place or printer's name.

BARCLAY, ROBERT. William Michel | Unmasqued: | Or, | The Staggering Instability of the pretended Stable | Christian Discovered, his Omissions, obser- | ved, and weakness unvailed. | In his late faint and feeble Animadversions by way of Reply to a

Book | Intituled Truth cleared of Calumnies. | Wherein | The Integrity of the Quakers Doctrine is the second time Justified, and | Cleared from the Reiterate, Clamorous but Causeless | Calumnies of this Cavilling Cetechist. | By Robert Barclay. | [Mottoes.]

Ptinted in the Year, 1672. |

4°. Without place or printer's name. A—I in fours.

British Museum.

BUCHANAN, GEORGE. Buchanani Psalmi. Abred. 1672.

8°. G. Chalmers's Sale Catalogue, 1842, Part III., No. 56.

1674.

SCOUGAL, HENRY. Positiones Aliquot Theologicæ, | De | Objecto Cultus Religiosi. | Quas A P D O M, tertio id. Aug. 1674. | in Academia Regia Aberdonensi. Propugnabit | Henricus Scougall Presbyter, & designatus S.S. | Theologiæ Professor. Disputationem moderante | Eruditiss. & Clariss Viro, D. Ioanne Menzies, | Theologiæ Professore meritissimo, & Universi- | tatis Aberdonensis Rectore magnifico. | [Mottoes.]

E Typographæo Ioannis Forbesii Iunioris, | Urbis & Universitatis Typothetæ. | Anno Dom. M.DC.LXXIV. |

4°. Eight pages. Dedication to James, Archbishop of St. Andrews, on verso of Title.

British Museum.

1675.

HAY, ALEXANDER. Deo Opt. Max. Auspice. Duo Antidota, nimirum I. Theraiacæ Andromachi senior. II. Mithridatii Damocratis. nunc primum Aberdoniis composita in conspectu et consessu amplissimi Præfecti et Consulum; censuræ Doctissimorum Medicorum subjecta. A Magistro Alexandro Hayo, Aberdinensi Pharmacopoeo.

Anno Æ. C. MDCLXXV. Mense Aprili.

8°. pp. 8. It bears the imprimatur of Dr. James Leslie, Principal of Marischal College; Dr. William Moir; Dr. Thomas Gordon; Dr. Lewis Gordon; Dr. Patrick Urquhart; Dr. John Gordon; and Mr. Matthew Mackaile, Apothecary; being, it is presumed, the whole strength of the faculty then in Aberdeen.

Dr. Joseph Robertson's "Book of Bon-Accord," p. 324.

MIDDLETON, GEORGE. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas A.P.D.O.M. Adolescentes nonnulli, | Curriculum Philosophicum emensi, & | Laureæ Magisterialis Candidati, in in- | clyto Athenæo Regio Abredonensi, | ad diem 13 Iulii, horis & loco so- | litis publicè propugnabunt, | Præside Georgio Middletono, | V.D.M. & P.P. | [Mottoes.]

Abredoniæ | Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius Iunior, | Universitatis Typographus. | A. Æ. C. M.DC.LXXV. |

4°. A—F, two leaves each. A 1[1] Title, within woodcut border, A 1[2] Royal Arms, A 2[1] Dedication to the Earl of Kinghorn, A 2[2] Candidates' Names, B—F, pp. 5-24, Theses.

University Library, Edinburgh.

QUAKERISM. Quakerism Canvassed: | Robin Barclay baffled in the defending of his | Theses against young Students at Aber- | dene, and he, together with Mr. George | Keith and the rest of his friends, found guilty of blasphemy, | treason, lying, shifting, quibling, tergiversing, &c. | Or, | A most true and faithful accompt of a Dispute betwixt some | Students of Divinity at Aberdene, and the Quakers in and | about the place, holden in Alexander Harper his Closs (or | Yard) April 14. 1675. years, before some hundreds of wit- | nesses, Andrew Thomson being Preses; Together with the | Quakers pretended true and faithful accompt of the same | Dispute examined. | As also, | A further Confutation of the Quakers Principles, by the former | Arguments more fully amplified, and diverse other demonstra- | tions, &c. | Published by

{Al. Shirreff / John Leslie / Paul Gellie} M.A. | [Prov. 18. 17. 2 Cor. 11. 14, 15. Rev. 20.7,8. Quoted; also Hilarius in 109 Psal. p. 621.] |

Printed in the Year, 1675. |

4°. Without place or printer's name, but printed at Aberdeen by John Forbes. a, two leaves, b, four leaves + A—R in fours. a 1[1] Title, verso blank, a 2, one folio, Dedication to Lord Mackenzie and Kentail, signed A. S., J. L., P. G. b 1—4, pp. [8], The Preface, A—R 3, pp. 1-134, A most true and faithful Accompt, R 4, pp. 135-136 (marked in error 236), An Advertisement to the Reader.

University Library, Aberdeen.

QUAKERISM. A True and Faithful Accompt of the Most Material Passages of a Dispute betwixt some

Students of Divinity (so called) of the University of Aberdeen, and the People called Quakers, held in Aberdeen, in Scotland, in Alexander Harper his close, (or yard), before some hundred of Witnesses, upon the 14th day of the second month, called April, 1675, there being John Lesley, Alexander Sherreff, and Paul Gellie, Master of Arts, opponents; and defendants, upon the Quakers' part, Robert Barclay and George Keith: Preses for moderating the meeting, chosen by them, Andrew Thompson, Advocate; and by the Quakers, Alexander Skein, sometime a Magistrate of the City: published for preventing misreports, by Alexander Skein, John Skein, Alexander Harper, Thomas Merser, and John Cowie. To which is added, Robert Barclay's Offer to the Preachers of Aberdeen, renewed and re-inforced.

[? Aberdeen 1675.]

This seems to be the Quaker's version alluded to in the preceding entry.

Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica.

1676.

BARCLAY, R., AND GEO. KEITH. Quakerism | Confirmed, | Or | A vindication of the chief Doctrines and Principles | of the people called Qvakers from the arguments | and objections of the Students of divinity (so called) | of Aberdeen in their book entituled | Quakerism Canvassed, | By { Robert Barclay, and George Keith. |

2 Tim. 3. 9. | [Quoted.]

Printed in the Year, 1676. |

4°. Without place or printer's name. Two leaves + A—L in fours. 1 Title, verso blank, 2 Address to the Reader, Contents on verso, A—L, pp. 1—88, Quakerism Confirmed.

It is extremely probable that the following extract from the Council Register of Aberdeen refers to this publication. It confirms my belief that Forbes printed for both parties at this unhappy period :—" 1 March, 1676. The said day, Gilbert Black, baillie holding out to the counsell that he being informed that John Forbes, printer, wes printing ane book put out by the Quakers, he hade seasit wpon ane part therof, and hade takine the same from the printer, and the counsell approveit of his acting therin, and recomends to George Leslie, baillie to acquant the bishope therewith for his advice theranent." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 294.]

British Museum.

1677.

ACT. Act made at Ellon the third day of April 1677 Years. | Forasmuch as the Act of his Majesties privie Councill, dated the seventh day of December last, did settle the prices of Ale and drinking Beer. . . . [Convenes a meeting for Excise purposes.] *End.* Lykeas, The Lords and | Commissioners foresaids, continues any thing relating to the Excyse, to that said Meeting at | Aberdeen, the said eighteenth day of April instant, at which tyme they intend to settle the said Ex- | cyse for one Year after the first day of May next. And that none may pretend ignorance, the Col- | lector is appoynted to cause Print and publish thir presents, at the severall Parish Kirkes of the | Shyre, the ensuing Lords-Dayes. Sic Subscribitur, |

Iohn Foullerton I.P.C. |

Given under the hand of Collonell |
Iohn Foullerton of Dudwick, |
Preses to the said Meeting. |

Broadsheet, 16 × 11½ in. No place or printer's name, but printed at Aberdeen by John Forbes, Younger.

Town House, Aberdeen.

ACT. Act made at Aberdeen the nynteenth day of Aprill 1677 Years. | There being been Advertisement given to the whole Commissioners of | Excyse of this Shire. . . . [The Meeting convened for 18th April proved a failure, very few having obeyed the summons; this act calls together the Commissioners at a later date.] *End.* Sic Subscribitur, |

Iohn Foullerton I.P.C. |

Another Act made at Aberdeen the twentyeth day of Aprill 1677 Years. | [Excise regulations.] *End.* Sic Subscribitur, |

Iohn Foullerton I.P.C. |

Given under the hand of Collonell |
Iohn Foullerton of Dudwick, |
Preses to the said Meeting. |

Broadsheet, 16 × 12 in. Both Acts are on the same sheet. Without place or printer's name, but printed at Aberdeen by John Forbes, Younger.

Town House, Aberdeen.

ALMANAC. New Prognostication calculated for North Britain for 1677.

Aberdene, Printed by John Forbes, 1677.

Kennedy's Annals of Aberdeen, Vol. I., p. 265.

KEITH, GEORGE. The Way Cast up, | And the Stumbling-blockes removed | from before the feet of those, who are | seeking the way to Zion, | with their faces thitherward. | Containing | An Answere to a Postscript, | Printed at the end of Samuel Rutherford's | Letters, third Edition, by a namelesse Author, indeed | not without cause, considering the many lyes and fals- | hoods therein, against the people, called Quakers, | which are here disproved, and refuted; and the Truth | of what we hold touching those Particulars faithfully de- | clared, according to the Scriptvres. | By George Keith, | Prisoner in the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, with many Brethren, who | have joyfully suffered the spoiling of our goods, and the impri- | sonement of our bodys for the precious Name and Truth of our | Lord Jesus Christ, | and for the keeping his commands, | who hath said, forsake not the assembling of yourselves | together. Written in the Spirit of love and meeknesse, my | Soule traveling for the everlasting wel-fare of the immortal | Souls of all men, but especially of them, called Presbyterians, | to whom this Answere is particularly directed. | Exodus. 23. 1. Prov. 14. 25. Math. 5. 11. | [Quoted.]

8°. Without place or printer's name. $_*$, eight leaves + $_{**}$, four leaves + A—O4 in eights. *Collation.* $_*$1 is blank, $_*$2 Title, verso blank, $_*$3 (marked 2)—$_{**}$4^2, pp. [20], Preface, signed by Alexander Skein, and dated "From the Tolbooth of Aberdeen, where I am prisoner for the true liberty of all Christians: the 20 of the 12 moneth, called February, 16$\frac{76}{77}$." A—N5^2, pp. 1-202, The Way Cast up, N6^1—O4^1, pp. 203-215, Postscript, signed by Alexander Skein, and dated "From the Tolbooth of Aberdeen the 1 of the 5 Moneth 1676, where I am a prisoner for my testimony." At the foot of last page is this imprint:—"Printed in the Year 1677."

University Library, Aberdeen.

MACKAILE, MATTHEW. Macis Macerata, | Or, | A Short Treatise, con- | cerning the use of | Mace, | In Meat, or Drink, and Medicine. | In six Sections, the fifth whereof | containeth some Hints at the | Signaturs of Simples; and | the sixth is concerning | the Original and Cure of | Wind, in Mans-Body. | By Matthew Mackaile | Chyrurgo. Medicine. |

Aberdene, | Printed by Iohn Forbes, Printer | to the Town and Colledges, 1677. |

12°. Two leaves + §, eight leaves + A—H 4 in sixes. *Collation.* 1[1] blank, 1[2] Unicorn, with Shield and three Towers, 2[1] Title, 2[2] blank, § 1—2 Dedication to the Magistrates and Council of Aberdeen, § 3—8 Epistle to the Reader, A—H 4 Macis Macerata.

British Museum.

1679.

TABLE OF CUSTOMS. A Table | Of all the Pettie-Custumes payable within the Burgh of Aberdeen, | Made and set down by the Provest, Bailies, and Council | of the said Burgh, upon the last day of May 1679. And ordained to | be Printed, and fixed in publick Places, to the effect, that all who are | concerned, may have notice thereof: And that no farther may be ex- | acted by the Uptakers of these Custumes, but as hereafter followeth: | Notwithstanding of any former Acts relating thereto. | [The rates are printed in double column, and signed by Alex: Robertson, Town-Clerk.]

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[Woodcut of the Arms of the City of Aberdeen.]

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Aberdeen, Printed by Iohn Forbes, Printer to the Town. Anno 1679. |

Broadsheet. 23¼ × 10¼. Printed in two pieces, and afterwards joined.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

1680.

ALMANAC. A New Prognostication for the Year of our Redemption, 1680, most curiously and artificially calculated, etc., by an ancient and expert Astronomer.

Aberdeen, John Forbes, 1680.

12°. *Signet Library, Edinburgh.*

FORBES, R. Theses Philosophicæ pro veterana veritate et antiqua philosophandi methodo tuendo adversus petulantis hujus sæculi subdulam novitatem et heterodoxiam Cartesianam. [Names of eight candidates impugned 24th Augt., 1680, under the presidency of R. Forbes.]

Aberdoniæ excudebat Joannes Forbes Universitatis Typographus. 1680.

4°. Communicated by A. W. Robertson, Esq., Aberdeen.

1681.

BUCHAN, JOHN. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas auspice, & propitio, | D.O.M. | Laureæ Magisterialis Candidati, in | publico Athenæi Regii Abredo- | nensis

asceterio, ad diem 5 Julij | propugnabunt, horis solitis, | Præside Iohanne Bvchan. | [Mottoes.]

Abredoniæ. | Excudebat Ioannes Forbes Colle- | gii Regii Typographus. | Anno Domini 1681. |

4°. A, four leaves + B—L, two leaves each. A 1[1] Title, within woodcut borders, A 1[2] Bookplate of King's College Library, A 2—4, pp. 4—8 (p. 4 is on verso of A 2), Dedication to Sir Hugh Campbell, of Calder, &c., B—L, pp. 9-48, Theses.

University Library, Edinburgh.

DUNBAR, WILLIAM. Cogitations upon Death; Or, the Mirrour of Man's Miserie. Being very choise and profitable Lessons, for putting all Christians in a prepared Condition for Mortality. The Fourth Edition, Corrected and amended.

Aberdeen, Printed by John Forbes, Printer to the Town and Universitie. Anno 1681.

8°. Eight leaves. In verse. When this first appeared, is uncertain; there was a seventh edition at Edinburgh, 1710, 12°., eight leaves, including a blank. This is an imitation of Dunbar's *Lament for the Makaris.*

Hazlitt's Collections and Notes, 1st Series.

GARDEN, JAMES. Theses Theologicæ, | De | Gratiæ Efficacia. | A.P.D.O.M. secundo die Febr. 1681. in Collegio Regio | Aberdonensi, publico examini subjiciendæ, Propugnante | Iacobo Garden Presbytero, & designato | S. S. Theologiæ Professore. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdoniæ, Typis Ioannis Forbesii | Urbis & Universitatis Typothetæ. | Anno Domini M.DC.LXXXXI. [M.DC.LXXXI.] |

4°. A, four leaves + B, two leaves. A 1[1] Title, within woodcut borders, A 1[2] Dedication to Bishop Patrick Scougal, A 2[1]—B 2[1], pp. 3-11, "Theses Theologicæ," B 2[2] Bookplate of King's College Library, Aberdeen.

University Library, Edinburgh.

1682.

ALMANAC. Aberden's | New Almanack, | For the Year of our Lord, 1682: | Being the second after Bissextile or Leap Year. | Calculated most Curiously, and also pretty Exactly, ac- | cording to my former known Art, throughout this | Ancient Kindom; for the Profit and | Pleasure, of all my Loyal, Honest, and True- | Hearted Country-Men: | Still wish- | ing Grace, Mercy, and Peace | amongst Them. | For, | Who Ever You be, Pray God alwayes, | To Bless Our King with Many Dayes; | Whose Wisdom, Under God so Long, | Hath kept this Realm from open Wrong: | And likewise, sent us Home, by Sea, | Our Gracious Duke of Albany: | For to Govern, and Rule this Land, | Making all Arts and Trades to stand: | Now Therefore, Let us end with Joy, | In Praying still VI VE-LE-ROY. | [Crowned Figure, with quotation from Psalm 72 in metre.]

Iohn Forbes Printer to Bon-Accord, 1682. |

8°. Eight leaves without signatures or paging. Partly Black Letter. 1[1] Title, 1[2]—6[1] Computation of Time, Eclipses, Changes of Moon, Fairs, &c., 6[2] The Dismal Dayes. At foot of the page, these verses—

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NOTE.

WITH this part I conclude the description of books printed by Raban and his Successors within the period indicated at the outset.

An Appendix, containing notices of works heard of too late for insertion in their chronological order, will form a portion of the fourth and concluding part. Historical Sketches of the Printers and Indices will also be issued with the last part.

In order to facilitate reference in the meantime, and if possible to induce owners or custodians of large collections to communicate information, I have printed a separate hand-list of *desiderata*. None of the works mentioned in that list have been examined by me, and in some cases their existence is doubtful.

A copy of the list will be sent to any address on application; and information, or the loan of books mentioned in it, will be gratefully welcomed.

J. P. EDMOND.

64, BON-ACCORD STREET,
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In the Name of GOD the Father, the Sonne, & of the Holie Ghost: Amen.

OVr Father, which art in Heaven, Halowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come: Thy wil be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Giue vs this day our daily bread And forgiue vs our trespasses, as wee forgiue them that trespasse against vs: And leade vs not into temptation, But deliver vs from evill: For thine is the kingdome, power, and glorie, for ever, Amen.

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In the Name of GOD the Father, the Son, and of the holy Ghost: So be it.

OVr Father, which art in Heaven, Halowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdome come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Giue vs this day our daylie Bread: And forgiue vs our trespasses, as wee forgiue them that trespasse against vs: And leade vs not into temptation, But deliver vs from Evill: For thyne is the Kingdome, Power, and Glorie, for ever, and ever, So be it.

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In the Name of GOD the Father, the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost, Amen.

Our Father, which art in Heaven, Halowed be thy Name: Thy kingdome come: Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven: Giue vs this day our daylie Bread: And forgiue vs our trespasses, as wee forgiue them that trespasse against vs: And leade vs not into temptation, But deliver vs from evill: For thine is the kingdome, the Power, and the Glorie, for ever, and ever, Amen.

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Printed in Aberdeene, by E. Raban.

Rude Woodcut of Man with Globe at side of Verses.

There was an Almanack Printed the last Year,
Like unto mine but contradicted clear,
For Courteous Reader tho my reverend Feature
Was counterfit by some unskilful creature,
Yet trust none such, being unlike mine,
Who have been known by all of a long time,
So then, my Friend I'll end my Work [ ] neat,
In showing you the Years whole Ge [ ] state.

7^1—8^2 Metrical Advertisements of Airth Fairs, and Philognestean Society, and verses on General State of this Year, 1682.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

FORBES, JOHN. Cantus, | Songs and Fancies, | To Three, Four, or | Five Parts, | Both apt for Voices and Viols | With a brief Intro- | duction to Musick. | As is taught in the Mu- | sick-School of Aberdeen. | The Third Edition, much | Enlarged and Corrected. |

Printed in Aberdeen, by Iohn Forbes, | and are to be sold at his Printing-House above the Meal- | Market, at the Sign of the Tovvns-Armes. 1682. |

Within woodcut borders, slightly altered from the Second Edition. Arms of the City of Aberdeen on verso, with Verses to the Magistrates underneath, followed by a second Title :—

Cantus, | Songs and Fancies, | To severall Musicall Parts. | Both apt for Voices and Viols. | With a brief Introduction to Musick, As is taught into the | Musick-School of Aberdeen. | The Third Edition, Exactly Corrected and Enlarged. | Together Also, | With severall of the choisest Italian-Songs, and New Eng- | lish-Ayres, all in three parts, (Viz.) Two Treebles and a Bass. | Most pleasant and delightfull for all Humours. |

Aberdeen. | Printed by Iohn Forbes, Printer to the Ancient City | of Bon-Accord, Anno Dom. 1682. |

Woodcut of Royal Arms, with Verses to King Charles II. on verso. Oblong 4°. Two leaves + A—O in fours. The Titlepages occupy the two preliminary leaves as above, A 1—3, pp. [6], Dedication (very much altered from the Second Edition) to Sir Geo. Skene of Fintray, Lord Provost, and to the other Magistrates and Councillors of Aberdeen, A 4[1] "To all Ingenuous and true Lovers of Musick," signed "Iohn Forbes," A 4[2] Large woodcut of "the Print of the Hand, for teaching the Gam thereon," B 1—4, pp. [8], Catechism of Music, C—L 2 Songs I.-LV., L 3 has on recto:—"Severall of the Choicest | Italian Songs | Composed By | Giovanni Giacomo Castoldi da Carravagio. | Together also, with some of the Best | new English-Ayres. | Collected from their chiefest Authors, | All in Three Parts, | Viz. Two Trebles and a Bass. | " L 3[2]—O 3[1] Thirteen Cantus, not numbered, O 3[2]—4[2], pp. [3], Index. There is no paging.

On the 19th April, 1682, the Town Council of Aberdeen "grants to John Forbes, printer, ane hundreth punds Scots money, for gratuitie to him for his dedicatione to the provest, baillies, and councell of ane musick book for instructione of youth, printed and sett out by him. . ." [Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1643-1747, p. 302.]

James Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

Since writing the above, I have had an opportunity of examining a copy of the 1682 Cantus belonging to Mr. Morice, and after comparing it with Mr. Walker's copy, I have arrived at the conclusion that there were two distinct issues of titlepages bearing that date. The engraved titlepage is supplied in facsimile in Mr. Morice's copy, but the second titlepage, which is an original, is quite different in the setting from the other copy, and in many places types of another fount have been used. On turning to the verso I find that the initials on either side of the Royal Arms in Mr. Morice's copy are the same Gothic letters as in the General Demands of 1663, but in Mr. Walker's copy they are plain Roman capitals. The arrangement of the first two lines of the verses to the King is also changed. I am disposed to think that Mr. Morice's copy is the earlier of the two for the following reason. The Gothic initials C. R. have every appearance of being part of the woodblock of the Royal Arms, but upon the King's death in 1685, they would be cut out and changed for those of the reigning monarch. I cannot instance an example of this large block with the initials of King James II., but in Mackaile's "Terræ Prodromus, 1691," the same woodcut is used, and the initials W. R. in plain Roman capitals take the place of the Gothic letters. The erasure of the C has been imperfectly performed, so that in Mr. Walker's Cantus the Gothic letter is faintly visible. The new initials and the verses appear to be a separate printing from the woodcut. I think we must assign a

date later than 1684 to the titlepage in Mr. Walker's copy, although I have no reason to doubt that the rest of the work was printed in 1682. It is possible that Forbes may have run short of titlepages, and found it necessary to reprint in order to work off the remainder of the edition; but as the references to King Charles II. in the preface prevented him from changing the date, he adopted the honest course of reproducing his title with the old date, in place of manufacturing a fourth edition.

LETTERS OF PUBLICATION. Letters | Of | Publication, | Of A Commission | Under the Great-Seal: | Anent the Security of the | Peace of the High-Lands | Of Scotland. | [Woodcut of Royal Arms.]

Reprinted at Aberdeen, by Command | of Authority, Anno, 1682. |

F°. pp. 4. Title, Letters, &c., pp. 2-4.

British Museum.

SOME QUERIES. Some Queries touching | Excommunication | Published by the People of God, (termed in derision Qua- | kers) to be considered by all the Bishops and Synods of | this Nation, or any others that may be concerned | in such Proceedings against them. But most | especially, by the present Bishop and | Synod of Aberdeen. |

4°. A, four leaves, B, two leaves. A 1[1] has only a large capital A in the centre, A 1[2] blank, A 2-B 2, pp. 1-10, Some Queries. No date, place, or printer's name, but I have no hesitation in ascribing this tract to John Forbes's press. It was probably printed shortly after Bishop Haliburton's translation to the See of Aberdeen in 1682. There is no titlepage. At the end it is stated that "These were delivered to the late Bishop of Aberdeen, in . . . 1674 . . . And now this present Bishop, his successour, and his Clergie being intending a new procedure . . . . we have published these Queries."

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

1683.

COVENANT. General Demands concerning the late Covenant.

Aberdeen. 1683.

4°.

FORBES, JOHN. The Mariner's | everlasting Almanack | Wherein is set down diverse Motions of the Moon, | with Rules and Tables for finding Her Age every | day, and when She cometh to the Meridian, also | the time of Her true Rising and Setting, fully ex- | amplified and proved. | Together with | Everlasting Tyde-Tables, containing the true Ebbings and Flowings | throughout the most part of the Sea-Ports and Towns in Europe | As also | An excellent Table, shewing the exact Rising and Setting of | the Sun for every five dayes, with the Degrees propper | to the Sun's place. | And Lastly, | A pleasant Dialogue, containing some Orthographicall and | Steriographicall Questions, with severall other usefull | things; most necessary for the Good of this Nation, | but more especially for the use of our gallant Seamen. | Calculated for the Latitude of 57 Degrees 10 minuts. | By Iohn Forbes Printer to Bon-Accord, & Φιλοματ. | The second Edition, much Corrected and Enlarged. |

Aberdeen. | Printed by the Author, Printer to the Town | and Universitie, | Anno 1683. |

4°. A—D in fours + E, two leaves + F—H 2 in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Woodcut of the Aberdeen Arms, with verses in praise of the City, A 2, pp. 3-4, Dedication to Capt. John Tyler of Leith, A 3—C 4, pp. 5-24, An Introduction to the Tyde-Table, D 1—E 2, pp. 25-36, Everlasting Tyde-Tables, F 1—G 3[1], pp. 37-49, A Mathematicall Dialogue betwixt Iames Paterson, Mathematician at Edinburgh, and Iohn Forbes, Printer to Aberdeen, & Φιλομαθ, G 3[1]—H 2[1], pp. 49-[55] (pp. 54-55 not numbered), Epistle to the Reader, H 2[2] is blank. The Epistle ends with verses by Forbes, accusing Paterson of lack of wisdom, and of his errors as "most unfit for Yearly Almanacks." It concludes thus :—

"Your Almanacks by Mine, I pray to mend,
I'le say no more, I thinke it tyme to end.
F 1 I 6 N 8 I 3 S quod Forbes.
God Save The King."

I have not seen the first edition of the Mariner's Everlasting Almanack, and can find no reference to the date of its issue in the second edition. A copy of the second edition with the date 1685 on the titlepage, but with the colophon as above dated 1683, is in the British Museum.

Alexander Gardyne, Hackney, London.

MACKAILE, MATTHEW. The Diversitie | of Salts and Spirits | Mantained. | Or, | The Imaginary Volatility of some Salts | and Non-entity of the Alcali, before | Cremation and Indentity of all Alca- | lies, all Volatil Salts, and all | Vinous Spirits, by an onely | Lamp-Furnace resolved | into real Improbability. | By way of Animadversions, upon | Dr. D. C. his 3 Papers, commu- | nicated to the R. S. and insert in | the 9. Vol. of the P. T. | Together with A New System, of the Order and | Gradation, in the Worlds Creation. | As Also, | Scurvie Alchymie discovered. | By Matt. Mackaile Apoth. | and Chirurg. Alias, Chirurgo-Medicine. |

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In the Name of GOD the Father, the Sonne, & of the Holie Ghost: Amen.

OVr Father, which art in Heaven, Halowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come: Thy wil be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Giue vs this day our daily bread And forgiue vs our trespasses, as wee forgiue them that trespasse against vs: And leade vs not into temptation, But deliver vs from evill: For thine is the kingdome, power, and glorie, for ever, Amen.

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In the Name of GOD the Father, the Son, and of the holy Ghost: So be it.

OVr Father, which art in Heaven, Halowed be thy Name; Thy kingdome come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Giue vs this day our daylie Bread: And forgiue vs our trespasses, as wee forgiue them that trespasse against vs: And leade vs not into temptation, But deliver vs from Evill: For thyne is the Kingdome, Power, and Glorie, for ever, and ever, So be it.

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In the Name of GOD the Father, the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost, Amen.

Our Father, which art in Heaven, Halowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdome come: Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven: Giue vs this day our daylie Bread: And forgiue vs our trespasses, as wee forgiue them that trespasse against vs: And leade vs not into temptation, But deliver vs from evill: For thine is the Kingdome, the Power, and the Glorie, for ever, and ever, Amen.

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Printed in Aberdeene, by E. Raban.

KEITH, ROBERT. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas A.P.D.O.M. ingenui aliquot | Adolescentes Laureæ Magisterialis Candidati, | In celeberrimo Collegio Marischallano | Universitatis Carolinæ Abre- | denensis ad diem 23 Junii, | Publice propugnabunt horis & loco solitis. | Præside Roberto Ketho. | [Mottoes.]

Abredeis, Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius, Urbis | & Universitatis Typographus, Anno Dom. 1687. |

4°. A—C, two leaves each. A 1[1] Title, within borders, A 1[2] Woodcut of Royal Arms, and underneath Arms of Marischal College, with mottoes beneath each, A 2[1]—B 1[1], pp. 3-5, Dedication to Sir George Lockhart of Carnwarth, signed by fifty-nine candidates, B 1—C 2, pp. 5-12, Theses. The Theses commence at foot of p. 5.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

1688.

SKENE, G. Positiones Philosophicæ Præside G. Skene.

Aberdoniis, 1688.

4°. Dr. David Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part II., No. 222.

1689.

BARCLAY, JOHN. A Description | Of The | Roman Catholick | Church; | Wherein | The Pretensions of it's Head, | The Manners of His Court, | The Principles, and Doctrines, | The Worship and Service, | The Religious Orders and Houses, | The

Designs and Practises of that | Church, are Represented in | A Vision. | By Iohn Barclay Minister at Cruden, | Written in the Year 1679. |

Printed in the Year 1689. |

4°. Without place or printer's name. Four leaves + A—O, two leaves each. *Collation.* 1[1] Title, within woodcut borders, 1[2] blank, 2—6, pp. [6], Dedication to the Right Honourable My Very Noble Lord John Earle of Erroll . . . and His Truly Noble and Religious Ladie Anna Countess of Erroll, A 1—2[1], pp. 5-7, To the Reader, A 2[2] is blank, B 1—O 2[1], pp. 9-59, The Roman Catholick Church Described in a Vision, O 2[2] is blank. Although no printer's name is given, I have no hesitation in saying that this is one of John Forbes's productions, as the type, woodcut borders, and head-pieces are exactly the same as used by him on other books at that period.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

PEACOCK, GEORGE. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas A.P.D.O.M. ingenui aliquot | Adolescentes Laureæ Magisterialis | Candidati, | In celeberrimo Collegio Marischallano | Universitatis Carolinæ Abre- | denensis ad diem 23 Maii, | Publicè propugnabunt, horis & loco solitis. | Præside Georgio Peacock. | [Mottoes.]

Abredeis, Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius, Urbis | & Universitatis Typographus, Anno Dom. 1689. |

4°. A, four leaves. A 1[1] Title, within borders, A 1[2] Dedication to Viscount Arbuthnott, signed by thirty candidates, marked p. 3, A 2—4, pp. 3-8, Theses.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

POPE'S PROCESSION. The | Account | Of The | Popes Procession | At | Aberdene, | The 11th of January, 1689. which was delivered | to the new Elected

Magistrats and Council | thereof, by the Students of Marishal- | Colledge. | With | The Students Letter to the saids (*sic*) Magistrats | thereanent. | [Rude woodcut of crowned figure.]

Printed in the Year, 1689. |

4°. A, four leaves, or pp. 8. No place or printer's name, but printed at Aberdeen by John Forbes. A1[1] Title, A1[2] "To the Right Honourable the Provost, Baillies, and new Elected Council of Aberdene," continued to top of A2[1] (marked p. 3), signed R. R. and A. I., dated from "Marishals-Colledge 11 Jan. 1689." This is followed by "A true Account of His Holiness Procession, &c.," to A4[2], or p. 8. The speeches are in Verse.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

1691.

FRASER, GEORGE. Positiones aliquot Philosophicæ, quibus in philosophici tyrocinii jam præterlapsi specimen decertabunt Adolescentes nonnulli ex Collegio Regali Abredonensi, ad Magisterialem Lauream aspirantes. Sub præside Georgio Fraser.

Abredeis. 1691.

4°. Catalogue of a Collection of Tracts [David Constable's], 1827, p. 181.

MACKAILE, MATTHEW. Terrae | Prodromus Theoricus. | Containing, | A Short Account of, | Moses | Philosophizans. | Or, | The Old (yet New) and True, Scripture | Theory of the Earth. | In Two Parts. | Or, A New System, of the Order and Gradation,

in the | World's Creation; by way of Animadversions, upon | Mr. Thomas Burnet's | Thoery, (*sic*) of His Imaginary Earth. &c. | By Matthew Mackaile, Chirurgo-Medicine. | Ps. 106. 2. Ps. 111. 2. Ier. 23. 28. Is. 8. 20. | [Quoted.]

Aberdeen | Printed, By Iohn Forbes. For George Mosman, | Bookseller, in the Parliament Closs, at Edinburgh, 1691. |

4°. ¶ + ¶¶ + A—P, two leaves each. ¶ 1[1] Title, ¶ 1[2] Woodcut of Royal Arms; the same as was used in the General Demands of 1663, the Gothic letters C. R. being erased, and plain Roman capitals W. R. substituted, ¶ 2, one folio, Dedication to William III., ¶¶ 1, one folio, To the Courteous Reader, ¶¶ 2, one folio, Verses to Mr. Matthew Mackaile, signed Io: Barclay, followed by a list of Errata, commencing:—"The Courteous Reader, is earnestly intreated to pardon the Dimness of, Pag. 5, 6, 7, 8. Which was occasioned by the Press-Man; as also to excuse some Literall Errors, &c.," A 1—N 1[1], pp. 1-49, Terrae Prodromus Theoricus, N 1[2]—P 2[2], pp. 50-60, Appendix. The copy examined contains six pages in MS. of a Postscript to the Appendix in the hand-writing of the Author.

University Library, Aberdeen.

SCOUGAL, HENRY. Two Sermons | Preached by the Author | of a Book, | Entituled | The Life of God, in the Soul of Man, | Viz. | The one upon Prov. 12. v. 26. | The Righteous is more excellent | then his Neighbour. | The other upon Psalm 107. v. 15. | O that Men would praise the Lord | for his Goodness: and for wonder- | full works to the Children of | Men. |

8°. Two leaves + B—H 2 in fours. No place or printer's name, but Aberdeen, John Forbes, 1691. The copy examined appears to want the first four pages, as sig. B commences with p. 9. Title (?) is followed by a Dedication, one folio, "To the Right Honorable The Earle of Aberdeen," apparently written by Forbes, although not signed. It concludes

thus:—He hopes "that these and some others of his remains will not be unacceptable to the publick. I presume therefore to expose them to publick view under your Lordships Patronage, and to take this occasion to own my self, | My Lord, | Your Lo: most humble and | obliged Servant, | September 3d. | 1691. |

University Library, Aberdeen.

1693.

ACT. Act | For Pole-Money, May 29. 1693. |

Fo. pp. [4.] No titlepage. Without place or printer's name, but printed at Aberdeen by John Forbes, 1693.

Town House, Aberdeen.

ADVERTISEMENT. Printed at Edinburgh, and Re-Printed at Aberdeen by Command of Authority, Anno Dom. 1693. | Advertisement by the Sheriff-Deput of Aberdeen Shire, undersubscryveing. | . . . [For the suppression of Vagabonds and Sturdy Beggars.] *End.* Given at Aberdeen the Twentyseventh | day of September, | One Thousand Six Hundred and Nintie Three Years. By Me | Andrew Fraser. |

Broadsheet. Oblong, 5 × 11¼ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

ADVERTISEMENTS. Advertisement from George Paton of Grandhome, Clerk to the Honorable Commis- | sioners of their Majesties Supplie and Excyse, within the Shire of Aberdeen. | . . . [Excise regulations.] *End.* Subscryved be me, this ninth of | October One Thousand Six Hundred and Nintie Three Years; And

appointed to be Printed, and Publickly Read, at | the severall Parish Kirks of the Shire, upon the next ensueing Sunday in the Forenoon. | George Paton. |

Advertisement from Iames Keith, Collector of the Annexed Excyse of Aberdeen Shire. | . . . [Calling on Brewers to pay their quarter's excise.] *End.* Given at Aberdeen the Seventh of | October, One Thousand Six Hundred and Nintie Three Years. | Iames Keith. |

Broadsheet, 15½ × 11 in. Both Advertisements are on the same sheet.

Town House, Aberdeen.

FRASER, ALEXANDER. Determinationes Philosophicæ, quas Laureæ Magisterialis Candidati, in Collegio Regali Abredonensi, publice propugnabunt. Arbitro Alexandro Fraser.

Abredeis. 1693.

4°. Catalogue of a Collection of Tracts [David Constable's], 1827, p. 181.

PEACOCK, GEORGE. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas Collegii Marischallani | Universitatis Carolinæ A- | bredonensis, Laureæ Ma- | gisterialis Candidati, | A.P. D.O.M. ad | diem 27 Julii horis | & loco solitis | propugnabunt. | Præside Georgio Peacock. | [Motto.]

Abredeis, Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius, Urbis | & Universitatis Typographus, Anno Dom. 1693. |

4°. A, four leaves. A 1[1] Title, within borders, A 1[2] (marked p. 2), Dedication to Earl of Aberdeen, A 2—4, pp. 3-8, Theses.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

1694.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement from George Paton of Grandhome, Clerk to the | Commissioners of Supplie of the Shire of Aberdeen. | . . . [Convening a meeting of the Commissioners anent the Pole-money.] *End.* Given under my hand at | Aberdeen the said Twenty One Day of August One Thousand Six Hundred and | Ninety Four Years. | George Paton. |

F°. pp. [4.] No titlepage.

Town House, Aberdeen.

PROCLAMATION. Proclamation | For the more easie Stating and Inbringing of the | Pole-money; and for bringing in Lists of what | is payed of the Hearth-money. | . . . 1694. |

F°. pp. [2.] Without place or printer's name, but printed at Aberdeen by John Forbes.

Town House, Aberdeen.

PROCLAMATIONS. Proclamation | For bringing in the Accompts resting by the Forces to the Countrey. | . . .

Proclamation | Anent Production of the Tacks of the Tiends of the | Bishopricks. | . . . 1694. |

F°. pp. [3], fourth page blank. Without place or printer's name, but Aberdeen, John Forbes.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1695.

ACTS. Act | For Pole-Money. | June 27, 1695. | Re-Printed in Aberdeen, | By Order of the Honourable Commissioners of this | Shire, 1695. |

F°. A—D 1, two leaves each. There is no titlepage. A 1—2, pp. 1-4, Act for Pole-Money, A 2²—B 2¹, pp. 4-7, Proclamation for Collecting and In-bringing the Pole-Money, with imprint, as above, at foot of p. 7. B 2², p. 8, Act Explanatory of the Proclamation, C 1—2¹, pp. 9-11, Advertisement from the Honourable Commissioners of Supplie of the Shire of Aberdeen, anent Collecting and inbringing of the Pole-Money, signed by George Paton, C 2²—D 1¹, pp. 12-13, Method and Scheme from the Commissioners of Supplie of Aberdeen Shire, to those who are appointed as Commissioners in each Parish within the Shire, to take up the Lists and Rolls of Poleable Persons, and the Pole payable by them, signed by Sir John Forbes of Craigivar, D 1² is blank.

Town House, Aberdeen.

FRASER, GEORGE. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas auspice & propitio | D.O.M. | Adolescentes Laureæ Magisterialis | Candidati, in celeberrimo Col- | legio Regio Abredonensi, | ad diem 4 Iulii, publicè propu- | gnabunt, horis & loco solitis. | Præside Georgio Fraser. |

Veritas vincet: at |
Nimiùm altercando veritas amittitur. |

Abredeis, Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius, Urbis | & Universitatis Typographus, Anno Dom. 1695. |

4°. A—B in fours. A 1¹ Title, within woodcut borders, A 1² Dedication "Hugoni Campbell, Equiti Baronetto, Baroni de Calder," signed "Georgius Fraser Promotor et hi Candidati" (twenty-nine names), on verso of Title, A 2—B 4, pp. 3-16, Theses. Woodcut of Bookplate of King's College Library at foot of p. 16.

University Library, Aberdeen.

TABLE OF DUES. A Table | Of the Impost and Shoar-Dues of the Burgh of Aberdeen, made and set down by the Provest, Bailies, and | Councill of the said Burgh; at Aberdeen the Nynth day of May, One thousand six hundreth nyntie four Years. And or- | dained to be Printed and fixed in publick places, to the effect, that all who may be concerned may have notice | thereof; And that no further be exacted by the Up-takers of the said Impost and Shoar-dues, but as hereafter | followeth; notwithstanding of any former Acts relating thereto: Revised and approven by the Magistrats, Anno | One thousand six hundreth nyntiefive, May fourteenth; read before the Rouping of the Impost and Shoar-dues in the | Laigh-Tolbooth. | . . . [The Table of Dues printed in double column.] *End.* Extracted forth of the Councill-Books of the said Burgh, | by me Mr. John Moire, Town Clerk of the same | undersubscriving. Io. Moire. |

Aberdeen, Printed by Iohn Forbes, Printer to the Town, 1695. |

Broadsheet, 15½ × 12½ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1696.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement by the Sheriff Deput of Aberdeen- | Shire undersubscryving, in relation to the | Lords of Councill their Proclamation against For- | stallers, and allowing Importation of Victuall. |

F°. A, two leaves, or pp. 4. No place or printer's name. Signed by Andrew Fraser, and dated 24th of June, 1696.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1698.

ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS. Aberdeen the 24 of Ianuary 1698. | Orders and Instuctions, (*sic*) | For the Constables of the Burgh of Aberdeen, Made and appointed | be the Magistrats, Iustices of Peace of the saids Burgh, to | be observed and gone about by the said Constables. | . . . *End.* Extracted forth of the Iustice Court Books of Aberdeen, by | Master Alexander Thomson Town Clerk of the said Burgh. | Al: Thomson, Cls. |

F°. Broadsheet, $12\frac{7}{8} \times 7\frac{3}{8}$ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1699.

MORE, ALEXANDER. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas, Collegii Marischallani | Universitatis Carolinæ A- | bredonensis, Laureæ Ma- | gisterialis Candidati, | A.P.D.O.M. ad | diem 8 Junii, horis | & loco solitis | propugnabunt. | Præside Alexandro Moro. | [Motto.]

Abredeis, Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius, | Urbis & Universitatis Typographus, | Anno Dom. M.DC.XCIX.

4°. A, four leaves. A 1[1] Title, within borders, A 1[2] Dedication to John Carnegy of Boysack, Leyes, &c., signed by twenty-four candidates, A 2--4, pp. 3-8, Theses.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

1700.

SANDILANDS, ROBERT. Some | Queries | Proposed, to the Monethly Meeting of | the Quakers at Aberdeen; | the sixth Day of June, 1700. | By Robert Sandilands: | With their Answers thereto; together | with some Remarks thereupon. | Published by Authority. | To which is Prefixed a Letter from George Keith, | sent to the Quakers in Aberdeen, Containing | a very serious and Christian Expostulation with his Old | Friends, &c. | Gal. 4. 16. | [Quoted.]

Aberdeen, | Printed by Iohn Forbes, | Printer to the City and University. |

4°. Title + ¶, two leaves + A—G 1, two leaves each. *Collation.* Title, verso blank, ¶ 1, one folio, Dedication to Thomas Mitchel, Lord Provost, Alex. Ragg, Alex. Forbes, Alex. Ker, Alex. Paton, Bailies, John Leslie, Dean of Gild, William Crowden, Thesaurer, and to the rest of the Honourable Council of the City of Aberdeen. "To The Christian Reader" begins at foot of ¶ 1^2—2^2, A—G 1, pp. 1-26, Queries, preceded by Keith's Letter.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

SMITH, WILLIAM. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas, Propitio Numine, Generosi Adolescen- | tes ad Lauream Philosophicam, in Collegio Ma- | rischallano Universitatis Carolinæ | Abredonensis Aspirantes, ad diem 23 Maij, horis | solitis in novo dicti Collegii Auditorio, doctorum subjicient examini. | Præside Gulielmo Smith. | Candidati. | [Here follow the names of twenty-

seven candidates.] Quibus, ut amicorum votis satisfiat, eos, qui annis superioribus in eadem | fuere Classe, adjunximus. | [Fifteen names.]

Abredeis, Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius, Urbis | & Universitatis Typographus, Anno Dom. 1700. |

4°. A, six leaves. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2], p. 2, Dedication "Alexandro Seton à Pitmedden, Equiti Baronetto," A 2—6, pp. 3-12, Theses Philosophicæ.

University Library, Aberdeen.

WHITE, GEORGE. D.D. | An Advertisement, | Anent the Reading of the Books of | Antonia Borignion. | By George White Minister | at Mary Culter near Aberdeen. | Rom. 10. 2. | [Quoted.] All Hereticks diminish the Authority of the | Holy Scriptures. Tert. de præsc. c. 49. | Enthusiasm is an Impiety, whereby a Person | hardily bent for the Inward Worship of | God, doth boldly violat and despise His | Commands, as to outwards. Mr. Henry | Scougall P: D: in Æth: l: 4: c: 8: de justitia. |

Aberdeen, | Printed by John Forbes, Printer | to the Town and University. | Anno Dom. 1700. |

8°. A, four leaves + B—G in eights. A 1[1] Large Initial Letter A within woodcut border, A 1[2] blank, A 2[1] Title, A 2[2] blank, A 3, one folio, Table or Index, A 4, one folio, Information to the Reader, B 1—G 8, pp. 1-96, Advertisement.

University Library, Aberdeen.

1701.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement | By the Sheriff-Deputs of the Sheriffdome of Aberdeen |

undersubscryving, anent the right making of the severall Cloths after- | mentioned, conform to the Acts of Parliament thereto relating. | . . . *End.* And that none pretend Ignorance of the premisses, thir presents are Ordained to be | Printed, and carefully dispersed and Published at each Parish Church within this | Shire by the Reader from the Lattron, immediatly after Divine Service. For all which | this is warrant, Given at Aberdeen, the Twenty eight day of May, One thousand | seven hundreth and one Years, by | Andrew Fraser, | George Keith. |

F°. pp. 2. No titlepage. Without place or printer's name, but printed at Aberdeen by John Forbes.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

CALDER, ROBERT. Schola Sepulchri | The School of the Grave, | Or, the many practicall Lessons | of Wisdom, which the Scriptures | teach us, from the Consideration | of Mortalitie. | [Mottoes.]

Aberdeen, | Printed by Iohn Forbes, | Anno Dom. 1701. |

8°. Four leaves + A, eight leaves + B—N in fours. *Collation.* 1[1] Title, 1[2] blank, 2—4, pp. [6], Dedication to Sir Iames Calder, signed Rob. Calder, A 1—B 4[1], pp. 1-23, Schola Sepulchri, B 4[2] Poetical Meditation, C 1[1] "Resurrectio Carnis, | Et Vita Æterna. | The Resurrection of | the Bodie, | And Life Æternall. | Mantain'd against the Old Sad- | ducees, and some of the Modern Socinians. | [Mottoes.]" C 1[2] blank, C 2—H 2, pp. 3-44, Resurrectio Carnis, H 3[1] "Iudicium Extremum, | The Last Iudgement. | In which is proven, that there will | be an universal Judgement past on | Mankind, and the several Practical | Lessons which we learn from the | Meditation of this Subject. | [Mottoes.]" H 3[2] blank, H 4—N 4, pp. 47-88, Judicium Extremum.

University Library, Edinburgh.

1702.

SMITH, WILLIAM. Oratio | In qua, Inclytæ Academiæ Maris- | challanæ Abredonensis, | Nobilissimus Parens, Illustres Mæ- | cenates, & Eximii Benefa- | ctores, ad Annum M.DC.XCVI. | Commemorantur. | Reservatis Amplissimis Ædificii Novi | Benefactoribus | Habita à Gulielmo Smith P. P. | VII. Cal: Quintil: Anno Dom. M.DC.XCVI. | [Mottoes.]

Abredeis, Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius, Urbis | & Universitatis Typographus, Anno Dom. 1702. |

4°. Two leaves + A—H, two leaves each. *Collation.* 1[1] Title, within woodcut border, 1[2] Woodcuts of the Arms of the City of Aberdeen, and of Marischal College, Aberdeen, with a Latin motto underneath each. 2, one folio, Dedication to John Allardyce, Provost, and to the other Magistrates and Councillors of Aberdeen, A—H 2[1], pp. 1-31, Commemoratio Benefactorum, H 2[2] is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

1704.

SMITH, WILLIAM. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas, Propitio Numine, Generosi Adolescen- | tes ad Lauream Philosophicam, in Academiâ Ma- | rischallana Universitatis Carolinæ | Aberdonensis Aspirantes, ad diem 15 Junii doctorum | subjicient examini h. lq. s. | Præside Gulielmo Smith. | Candidati. | Ab iis qui Curriculum Philosophicum non sunt penitus emensi discriminantur. | [Here follow the names of fifty-three students.]

Abredeis, Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius Urbis | & Universitatis Typographus, Ann. Dom. 1704. |

4°. Four leaves, or eight pages. 1^1 Title, within woodcut border, 1^2, p. 2, Dedication "Roberto Vice-Comiti de Arbuthnot" (one of the candidates), 2—4, pp. 3-8, Theses Philosophicæ.

University Library, Aberdeen.

Sine Anno.

BURGER'S OATH. [Woodcut of the Arms of the City of Aberdeen.] Follows the Burgers Oath, to be sworn by | all Burgesses of Gild, and Craftsmen of | the Burgh of Aberdeen the time of their Admission. | . . .

F°. Broadsheet, 12 × 7½ in. Without date, place, or printer's name. In the oath, allegiance is promised to Queen Anne, which fixes the date of printing between 1702 and 1714. From the style of the typography I am inclined to assign it to John Forbes, who died in 1704.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

FORBES, ALEXANDER. De Rota Arithmetica.

I have no certainty that this treatise was printed in Aberdeen, but there is good reason to think that Forbes employed his brother, if the work was published in this country. The only mention of it that I have met with is the following:—"Mr. Alexander Forbes, son to John Forbes, a merchant and stationer in Aberdeen, wrote a little tract De Rota Arithmetica, dedicate to the Valiant Prince James, Duke of Buccleugh and Monmouth." [Catalogue of Scottish Writers, p. 124.]

LIDDEL, DUNCAN. A Vindication of M[aster] | Duncan Liddel, | And his Son | George Liddel, | The on[e] Professor of the Mathematicks, and the other a Student of Philosophie, and John Forbes, Printer to the University and Town of | Aberdeen, by way of Answer of a scourrilous Ryme sent from Edinburgh. |

F°. Broadsheet. Without date, place, or printer's name. I am very doubtful if this is printed in Aberdeen, and include it here chiefly on account of its reference to Forbes.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

SKENE, JAMES. The Decalogue, the Lord's Prayer, and the Creed, in meeter.

Aberdeen Printed by John Forbes.

"His [*i.e.*, Alexander Skene of Newtyle's] brother, James Skeen, was ane excellent Poet in the Scottish language. He wrote the Decalogue, the Lord's Prayer, and the Creed, in meeter, printed by John Forbes, Aberdeen." [Catalogue of Scottish Writers, p. 122.]

SUCCESSORS OF JOHN FORBES.*

1704.

ANDERSON, GEORGE. Propositiones nonnullæ Theologicæ. | De | Efficacia Mortis Christi. | Quas A.P.D.O.M. In Aca- | demia Regia Abredo- | nensi, propugnabit Geor- | gius Andersonius | Minister Evangelii, & de- | signatus S.S. Theologiæ | Professor, [14] die | Decembris | 1704. |

Abredeis, ex Typographæo Defuncti Joannis | Forbesii, Urbis & Universi- | tatis Typographi, 1704. |

4°. Four leaves. 1 Title, within woodcut border, verso blank, 2^1, p. 3, Dedication "Gulielmo Regulo de Haddo," 2^2—4^1, pp. 4, Propositiones Theologicæ, 4^2 is blank.

University Library, Aberdeen.

1705.

BLACK, WILLIAM. Cogitata Philosophica Præside G. Blak.

Aberdoniis. 1705.

4°. Dr. David Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part II., No. 222.

* John Forbes, Younger, died in the end of 1704, and on the 7th February, 1705, Margaret Cuthboord, his widow, was admitted by the Council as Successor to her husband. [Council Register, Vol. LVIII., p. 3.]

1706.

ACT. Act of the Councill of Trade | Anent the right making and measuring of Linen Cloath, and discharging the Exportation of Lint and Linen Yarn &c. | . . .

Printed at Edinburgh, and Re-Printed at Aberdeen, by the Successors of Iohn Forbes Printer to the Town, Anno Dom. 1706. |

F°. Broadsheet, 15 × 12 in.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

ACT. Act | Of the Council of Trade, appointing the Right Making, and Sealing | of Cloaths, Searges, Fingrams and Plaidings, &c. | . . .

Printed in Edinburgh, and Re-Printed in Aberdeen, by the Successors of Iohn Forbes, Printer to the Town, Anno Dom. 1706. |

Broadsheet, 15 × 12¼ in.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

ORDERS. Aberdeen the 4th. of November 1706. | Orders and Instrvctions, | For the Constables of the Burgh of Aberdeen, Made and appointed be | the Magistrats, Iustices of Peace of the said Burgh, to be observed | and gone about by the saids Constables. | . . . [Here follow sixteen rules.] *End.* Extracted forth of the Iustice Court Books of Aberdeen, by |

Master Alexander Thomson Town Clerk of the said Burgh. | Al: Thomson, Cls. |

Broadsheet, 14 × 8 in. Without printer's name, but by the Successors of John Forbes.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

PETITION. To His Grace Her Majesties High Commissioner and | the Honourable Estates of Parliament | The Heemble Petition of the peer Shank Workers and | Fingren Spinners of Aberdeen, and Places there- | about. | Sheweth, | That we are right fain | . . .

4°. Four leaves, or 8 pp. No titlepage. Without date [1706], place, or printer's name, One of the numerous tracts on the Union.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

1707.

ALEXANDER, JOHN. Tituli Fontium Abredonensivm. | . . . Anno Domini. M.DCC.VII. | . . . The Titles of Aberdeens Wells . . . In the Year of our Lord 1707. |

4°. Two leaves, or pp. 4. No titlepage, and without place or printer's name. Dedication in Latin to John Gordon, Provost, and the rest of the Council, signed by John Alexander. This is followed by the English Translation. Then follow the Mottoes for the Wells in Latin, with the English Translation. At the end are some Latin verses by William Meston with the English. The Wells named are :—

The Well in the Mercat Place.
The Well in the Broad-gate.
The Well at the Colledge.
The Well in the Gallow-gate.

The Well in the Upper Kirk-gate.
The Well in the Neather Kirk-gate.
The Well in the Green.
The Well at the Shoar.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

TABLE. A Table | Of all the Pettie Customs payable within the Burgh of Aberdeen, Made | and set down by the Provost, Bailies, and Counsel of the said Burgh upon the | Fourteenth day of May 1707 years. And ordained to be Printed and affixed in | publick places, to the Effect, that all who are concerned, may have notice | thereof: And that no farther be exacted by the Uptakers of these Customs, but | as hereafter followeth: Notwithstanding of former Acts relateing thereto. | Bell customs, and Toll customs. | [Printed in double column.]

[Woodcut of the Arms of the City of Aberdeen.]

Broadsheet, 15 × 12¼ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1708.

SMITH, WILLIAM. Theses Philosophicæ. | Quas, Propitio Summo Numine, | Generosi & Ingenui Juvenes Laureæ Magiste- | rialis Candidati, in Celeberrima | Academia Marischallana. | Universitatis Carolinæ Abredonensis, Eruditorum | Subjicient examini, ad Diem [29 Aprilis] H. L. Q S. | Sub Præsidio Gulielmi

Smith P.P. | [Woodcut of the Arms of Marischal College, Aberdeen.] Quoniam in disponendo vitæ statu, formandisque moribus periculo majori | peccatur, majorem diligentiam necesse est adhiberi, ut sciamus, quomodo | Nos oporteat vivere. Hîc nullus dissidio, nullus errori est locus, unum omnes | sentire oportet, ipsamque Philosophiam uno quasi ore præcipere, quia si quid | fuerit erratum, vita omnis evertitur. Lactant. 1: 3 c: 77. |

Abredeis Excudebant Successores Ioannis Forbesii, Urbis | & Universitatis Typographi 1708. |

4°. Six leaves, or 12 pp. 1^1 Title, within woodcut borders, 1^2, p. 2, Candidates' names, 2, pp. 3-4, Dedication "Georgio Domino de Keith," eldest son of Earl Marischal, 3—6, pp. 5-12, Theses Philosophicæ.

University Library, Aberdeen.

1710.

HONYMAN, ANDREW. Bourignonism | Displayed | In | A Discovery and brief Refutation | Of | Sundry Gross Errors | Mantain'd By | Antonia Bourignon | And the Author of the Preface | To the English Reader. | Before the Renovation of the Gospell Spirit | One of A. B's Books. | 1 Tim. 4. 7. 2 Tim. 3. 6, 7. | [Quoted.]

Aberdeen, | Printed by John Forbes Printer to the | Town and University. Anno 1710 |

8°. Eight leaves + ¶—¶¶¶¶ + A—H in eights. *Collation.* 1^1 Title, 1^2—8^2, pp. [15], Epistle to the Reader, signed by the author of the work, Andrew Honyman, Bishop of Orkney, ¶ 1—¶¶ 4^1, pp. i-xxiii, Preface, ¶¶ 4^2 is blank, ¶¶ 5—¶¶¶¶¶ 5, pp. 1-34, Introduction, ¶¶¶¶¶ 6—H 8, pp. 1-134, Bourignonism Baffled.

University Library, Aberdeen.

URQUHART, JAMES. Placita nonnulla Philosophica | De Rerum Cognitione. | Quæ (Favente Deo Opt. Maximo) Ingenui | aliquot Adolescentes, Curriculum Philoso- | phicum emensi, & Laureæ Magisterialis | Candidati, in Collegio Regio | Universitatis Abredonensis, eruditorum | Examini Publico subjicient, ab Hora Decima | ante Meridiem, ad Vesperam dici 20 Aprilis. | Sub Præsidio Jacobi Urquhart. | [Mottoes.]

Abredeis, | Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius, Urbis | & Universitatis Typographus, | Anno Dom. 1710. |

4°. A, two leaves + B—D in fours. Without signatures, except the last sheet. A 1[1] Title, within woodcut borders, A 1[2] Woodcut of Bookplate of King's College Library, Aberdeen, with names of twenty candidates below, A 2, pp. 3-4, Dedication "Hugoni Dalrymple à Northberwick Equiti Baronetto," B 1—D 4, pp. 5-28, Placita Philosophica.

University Library, Aberdeen.

JAMES NICOL.*

1711.

ANDERSON, DAVID. Dissertatio Theologica Inauguralis, | De Peccato Originalis, | Quam, | Jesu Christi Adjutorio, | In Æde Sacra Inclytæ Academiæ | Regiæ Aberdonensis, | ad Septimum Februarii diem 1711, | Horis Antemeridianis, | Publicæ disquisitionis aleæ committet | David Anderson, Ecclesiæ Fo- | veranensis hactenus Pastor, & in dicta | Academia S.S. Theologiæ Professor | designatus, jam verò constituendus | More Solito. | [Motto.]

Abrediis Excudebant Successores Ioannis Forbesii Urbis | & Universitatis Typographi, Anno Domini 1711.

4°. Eight leaves, or pp. 16. 1^1 Title, 1^2—2^2, pp. 3-4 (p. 3 is on 2^1), Dedication to Sir John Anstruther, 3—8, pp. 5-16, Dissertatio. Woodcut of King's College Library Bookplate at foot of p. 16.

University Library, Edinburgh.

BEVIS OF SOUTHAMPTON. The Most Famous | History | Of The Valiant | And Renowned |

* On the 6th December, 1710, Margaret Forbes, daughter of John Forbes, Younger, and James Nicol, her husband, were admitted by the Council Successors to Margaret Cuthboord, relict of John Forbes; but for some time Nicol indiscriminately used his own name, that of John Forbes, and the Successors of John Forbes, in the imprints of his publications. [Council Register, Vol. LVIII., p. 215.]

Champion, | Beuis | Of | Hampton. | With a Narration of his strange | Adventures, Fights and Battels. | Very delectable to be Read. |

Aberdeen, | Printed by James Nicol, Printer to | the Town and University | [1711.] |

12°. A, 8 ll, B, 4 ll, C, 8 ll, D, 4 ll, E, 4 ll, F, 2 ll, G, 4 ll, H, 2 ll, I, 4 ll, K, 2 ll, L, 4 ll, M, 2 ll, N, 4 ll, O, 2 ll, P, 4 ll, Q, 2 ll.

The History commences on verso of titlepage, and is continued to Q2², paged 2-120, with Woodcut of Bear at foot of p. 120. In the copy examined the date has been cut away.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

LYNDSAY, SIR DAVID. The | History | Of the Noble and Valiant Sqyer, | William Meldrum | Umwhile | Laird of Cleish and Bins | As Also, | The Testament | of the said | William Meldrum | Compyled by Sir David Lindsay of | the Mount, alias, Lyon King of Arms. |

Printed in the Year 1711. |

12°. A, 12 ll, B, 8 ll, C, 4 ll, D, 6 ll. Without place or printer's name, but printed at Aberdeen by James Nicol. A1¹ Title, within borders, A1² Rude Woodcut of Soldier, A2—D1¹, pp. 4-49 (p. 4 is on A2²), The History of Squire Meldrum, D1²—D5², The Testament of Sqyer Meldrum, D6¹ blank, D6² Woodcut of two Knights jousting, entitled "Meldrum and Talbert."

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

SIR EGER. The | History | Of | Sir Eger, | Sir Grahame, | And | Sir Gray-Steel. | Newly Corrected and Amended. |

Printed in the Year 1711. |

12°. A, 8 ll, B, 4 ll, C, 8 ll, D, 4 ll, E, 8 ll, F, 4 ll, G, 4 ll, H, 2 ll. Without place or printer's name, but printed at Aberdeen by James Nicol. The poem commences on verso of title, and is paged 3-84 (p. 3 is on A2²).

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

THESES. Theses Philosophicæ.
Abredeis. 1711.
4°. *Library of the Scotch Episcopal Church, Edinburgh.*

1712.

ACT. Anno Decimo | Annæ Reginæ | An Act to Prevent Abuses in making Linnen Cloth, and Regu- | lating the Lengths, Breadths, and equal sorting of Yarn, for | each Piece made in Scotland, and for Whitening the same. | . . .

Advertisement, By Order of the Right Honourable the Justices | of Peace of the Shire of Aberdeen, met with the Magistrates of Aberdeen, upon the Twenty Third of August One thousand seven hundred | and twelve, conform to an Appointment and Recommendation of the Justices of | Peace of the said Shire met at their last Quarter-Session at Old Meldrum the | Fifth of August instant. | . . . [Appoint the Act to be reprinted, and published at each Parish Church, and sold at country markets.]

Aberdeen, Re-Printed in the Year 1712. |

F°. pp. 4. No titlepage. Printed by James Nicol.
Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

1714.

PEACOCK, GEORGE. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas, A.P.D.O.M. ingenui aliquot Adolescentes | Laureæ

Magisterialis Candidati. | In celeberrimo Collegio Marischallano, | Universitatis Carolinæ Abredenensis | ad Diem 22 Aprilis, | Publicè propugnabunt, horis & loco solitis. | Præside Georgio Peacock. | [Woodcut of Arms of Marischal College, and Motto from Seneca.]

Abredeis Excudebant Successores Ioannis Forbesii | Urbis & Universitatis Typographi, Anno 1714. |

4°. Four leaves, or pp. 8. 1[1] Title, 1[2]—2[1], pp. 2-3, Dedication to Earl Marischal, signed by fifteen candidates, 2[2]—4, pp. 4-8, Theses.

Bodleian Library, Oxford.

SHARP, JOHN. De Rebus Liturgicis | Oratio | Pro Gradu Doctoratûs in S.S. Theologia, | habita | In Sacello Collegii Regii Universitatis | Aberdonensis, in Festo S. Epiphaniæ. | A.D. 1714. | A | Io: Sharp Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ | apud Americanos Presbytero. | [Mottoes.]

Abredeis Excudebant Successores Ioannis For- | besii Urbis & Universitatis Typogra- | phi Anno Domini 1714. |

4°. A—B, four leaves each. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] Bookplate of King's College Library, Aberdeen, underneath "Imprimebatur Geo: Middleton." A2, pp. 3-4, Dedication to the Earl of Errol, A3 [marked A4]—B4, pp. 5-16, the Disertation.

University Library, Edinburgh.

TWELVE TUNES. Twelve Tunes for the Church of Scotland, composed in four Parts, viz. Treble, Contra, Tennor and Bassus, according to the Method used by the Master of the Musick School of Aberdeen.

Aberdeen. 1714.

4°. Mentioned in Lowndes' Bibliographer's Manual (Bohn's Edition), p. 2214. In "Aberdeen's New Prognostication for the Year 1716," this book is advertised in the following terms:—"Any who have use for Bibles, or School Authors &c. Also the Twelve Tunes used to be sung in the Church of Scotland, Enlarged with the Addition of the *Gam* and *Scale*, also, *An Easie Method in Naming the Notes upon the Rules and Spaces, conform to their Cliefs Flat and Sharp:* being necessary for all, and very helpfull for Young Beginners in Musick: may be served at the Printing House, above the Meal-Mercat of ABERDEEN, or Shop in the End of the Broad-gate at Reasonable Rates."

1715.

ADDRESS. Address | Of The | Episcopal Clergy | Of | Aberdeen | To The | Pretender, | With some Remarks thereon. |

F°. 2 pp. Without place, date, or printer's name. [1715.]

Earl of Crawford and Balcarres.

ADDRESS. The Address of the Majestrates and Town | Council of Aberdeen, to the Pretender, | With Remarks upon the said address. |

F°. Broadsheet. Without place, date, or printer's name. [1715.]

Earl of Crawford and Balcarres.

GESTA ROMANORUM. A | Record | Of Ancient | Histories, | Entituled in Latine, | Gesta Romanorum. | Discoursing of sundry Examples, for | the advancement of Vertue, and | the abandoning of Vice. | Very Pleasant in reading, and profit- | able in Practice. |

Aberdeen, | Printed by James Nicol, Printer | to the Town and University, 1715. |

8°. A—H 4 in eights. Title within woodcut border. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2]—H 4[2], pp. 2-120, Gesta Romanorum. A copy of this very rare edition was sold at Inglis' Sale, No. 553, the only example which I can instance besides that examined by me.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

TABLE. A Table | Of the Service and Work to be performed in time coming, by the Church Warden, Under Wardens | and Belman: and of the Fies, Casualitys, and others due and payable to them therefore, | Made and set down by the Provest, Bailies, and Counsell of Aberdeen, upon the Twenty sixth | day of January One thousand seven hundred and fifteen Years, and Ordained to be Printed | and fixed in Publick Places, to the effect that all who are concerned may have Notice | thereof. | [Printed in double column.] *End.* Extracted forth of the Counsell Books of Aberdeen, | by Mr. Alexander Thomson Town Clerk of the said | Burgh undersubscriving. | Al: Thomson. |

Broadsheet, 15 × 12½ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1716.

ALMANAC. Aberdeen's New | Prognostication | For the Year of our Lord 1716, | Being Bissextile or Leap Year. | Calculated for the Latitude of the famous City | of Aberdeen, having exactly 57 deg. 10. m. | and may very well serve for all the North part | of Great-

Britain, without any great or appa- | rent Error. | By a Well-Wisher of the Mathematicks. | [Woodcut of Arms of the City of Aberdeen.]

Aberdeen | Printed by James Nicol. Printer to the | Town and University. |

12°. Eight leaves. 1^1 Title, 1^2 Computation of Time, 2^1 Eclipses, Moveable Feasts and Terms, &c., 2^2 Tide Table, 3^1—7^1, pp. [9], Astronomical Notes for each month, Forecasts of the Weather, and Fairs during the month, 7^2 Advertisements, 8^1—^{2} Verses of four lines on each month of the year, with colophon "God Save the King, | F I I 7 N I I 6 S."

The Advertisements commence with a notice of a Fair called St. Margaret's Fair, at Fochabers, "with a Horse Race on the 29 of May for a piece of Plate to the value of an Hundred merks. Horses of all Syzes being welcome to run, after five days kept in Fochabers." The next paragraph gives us an idea of the time of the year when the Almanac went to press, and may account for the absence of any notice of the Rebellion in the Chronological Remarks on the verso of the titlepage. It runs as follows:—"Notwithstanding many former Advertisements to all concerned with Fair and Mercats, yet there is but few regarded the same. It's hoped all concerned therein will strive to prevent their own loss. Any who have New or Old Fairs to Insert in the Almanack may send them in against the first of *July* (*Cum Beneficio.*)"

This is followed by an Advertisement, which has been already noticed, of "The Twelve Tunes used to be sung in the Church of Scotland," and then a singular Advertisement of sundry quack medicines, which is sufficiently curious to warrant my quoting it in full:—"Also, *Daffy's* Original and Famous Elixir Salutis, the Choice Drink of Health, or Health-bringing-Drink: Being a Famous Cordial Drink, found out by the Providence of the Almighty, and (for above Fifty Years) Experienced by himself and Diverse Persons whose Names are at most of their desires Insert in the Bills of Directions given with each botle, The price of each botle 3 shillings sterling. Also, *Stoughton's* Elixir Magnum that rare Cordial for the Stomach with Directions, 1 shilling sterling per botle. Also the Queen of *Hungary's* Water, and White Powder, to be sold at the foresaid place." The Advertisements conclude with a "Notice to all Noblemen, Gentlemen, Lawyers, Merchants, Masters of Ships, and Others, that I furnish you, with all sorts of Stampt *Parchments* and *Paper*, *Debenters* of all Syzes, and Bills of Loadings, all at the Government Rate, when ye will be waited on at my foresaid dwelling House and Shop."

The "Monethly Observations," although in some respects inferior to the poetical effusions in Raban's first Almanac, yet are worth preserving on account of some quaint sayings which the rhymer has introduced into some of the verses.

JANUARY.

I ope' the Gate to let the New Year in,
The Weathers now too cold to Card or spin.
Yet some men at the Cards so long dare play.
Till they have Carded all they have away.

FEBRUARY.

If Candlemass Day be clear and fair,
The half of Winter is to come and mair,
Sleet, snow, and Winds this Month begins & ends,
In medio virtus est, therefore no storm offends.

MARCH.

A blustring *March* through nine bul-hides will blow,
For this our old Good-dames, would have us know
But with their Rule this Year will scarce accord,
Since better weather *March* will now afford.

APRIL.

When *April* weeps, then *May* will chirp and sing,
For *April* showrs, maketh *May* flowrs to spring,
And such a Moneth I think this Month will be,
The truth whereof its time must let us see.

MAY.

Come enter in thou pleasant Moneth of *May*,
What is it for thy self that thou canst say,
If *April* hath been kind and wept for thee,
We wish the fruits of that moneths tears to see.

JUNE.

June is a pleasant Moneth as well as *May*,
Good husbands now will think of making Hay,
But let them make it while the Sun doth shine,
And if a showr doth come, let none repine.

JULY.

Prepare your selves, Harvest cometh on,
The Fields the staff we all rely upon,
For King and People from the field are fed,
And poor folks thence expect their welcome bread.

AUGUST.

GOD rules the Stars of Heaven, and they rule so,
As all men find their influence here below,
It's wondrous hot and dry, the Stars foretell
That it will make our Harvest to excel.

SEPTEMBER.

September is a Moneth when equal day
And night throughout the World beareth sway,
But at the equal length it holds not long,
For as the one grows short, the other groweth strong.

OCTOBER.

October is a Moneth deserving praise,
Then spring your Saffron flowrs the golden gays:
But if too cold the weather chance to be,
A slender Crop that year we use to see.

NOVEMBER.

This Moneth *November* is both raw and cold.
And looks like Winter, and is like to hold:
Darkned he is with clouds like mists of Night,
Oft weeping, wanting Phœbus glittring light.

DECEMBER.

Now cold *December* is come in,
The Poor Mans back is cloathed thin.
Then feed and cloath him as you may,
The Lord it threefold will repay.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1717.

ADVERTISEMENT. [Woodcut of the Arms of the City of Aberdeen.] Præfectus, Consules, | Reliquusque Senatus Abredonensis, | Bonarum artium Studiosis. | [The Advertisement of a competition for a junior mastership in the Grammar School.]

Datum Abredoniæ primo die Mensis | Maij Anno Domini 1717, sub subscriptione | Magistri Alexandri Thomson Secretarii | Nostri. | Al. Thomson. |

Broadsheet, 12¼ × 7⅝ in.

J. P. Edmond, Aberdeen.

ALMANAC. [Aberdeen's New Prognostication For the Year of our Lord 1717.]

Aberdeen, Printed and Sold by James Nicol, Printer to the Town and University, at his Shop in the End of the Broad Gate, and in Edinburgh by John Paton Bookseller in the Parliament Closs 1717. Price 2 Pence. |

Broadsheet, 16½ × 14¾ in. Printed in four columns, each column divided into three; thus forming twelve divisions which read across the columns. The copy examined has no heading, but the imprint which reads across the whole sheet has been preserved. Page or Division 1 Computation of Time, 2—8 Astronomical Notes for each month, Forecasts of the Weather, and Fairs during the month, 9 Eclipses, Moveable Feasts, &c., 10 Tide Table, 11 Advertisements as in the Almanac for 1716, with these lines at foot of the page :—

"Rouse up your selves brave Chapmen all, & go about your Trade,
By your laboriousness ye shall exceeding rich be made.
Thus ends the Year, both jovial and merry may you be,
And send you money in store, that often I may you see."

Page 12, Interest Table, with the following motto :—

"Omnia falce metit TEMPUS : Labuntur, Arenæ :
Aufugiunt *pœna* non remorante dies."

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1720.

ACT. Anno Sexto | Georgii | Regis | Act of Parliament, | For ascertaining the Breadths, and pre-

venting Frauds and | Abuses in Manufacturing Serges, Plaidens and Fingrums, | and for regulating the Manufacture of Stockings in that | part of Great-Britain called Scotland. | . . .

Printed at London, and Re-printed at Aberdeen, be Order | of the Magistrates thereof. | By James Nicol Printer to the City and University, 1720. |

F°. pp. 4. No titlepage.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

ALMANAC. [Aberdeen's New Prognostication For the Year of our Lord 1720.]

Aberdeen Printed & sold by James Nicol, Printer to the Town & University, at his Shop in the End of the Broad Gate, & in Edinburgh by John Paton Bookseller in the Parliament Closs, 1720. Price 2 Pence. |

Broadsheet, 16¼ × 13 in. Printed in four columns, each column divided into three; forms twelve divisions or pages, which read across the columns. The heading has been cut away, but the imprint which reads across the sheet has been preserved. Division or Page 1 Computation of Time, 2—8 Astronomical Notes, Weather Forecasts, and lists of Fairs for each month, 9 Notes on Eclipses, Feasts, Terms, &c., 10 Tide Table, 11 Advertisements, 12 Poetical "Conclusion for this Year 1720."

At the foot of the ninth page there is this rhyming caution to buyers and sellers of Almanacs, relative to the numerous prints issued professing to be Aberdeen Almanacs, but printed in Edinburgh, Leith, Glasgow, &c. :—

My Loving Countrey Men, and brave Chapmen all,
For Almanacks when you do always call,
Trust none to be set forth at Aberdeen,
But where their Loyal Arms are to be seen :
For they are still accounted to be best,
And for your sakes shall be the better drest.

The allusion to the fate of old Almanacs, in the verses which conclude the sheet, will be read with interest by those who have made unavailing search for these interesting records of Time :—

Go forth my Book, for now my work is done,
From whence throughout the Nation thou must run,
Let not thy various entertainments fright thee ;
If one respect, another he will slight thee :
Where thou far'st best, expect this cruel Fate,
One bare Year's Service puts thee out of Date.
Then to what use, thy tortured Carcase may
Be put unto, truely I dare not say ;
It matters not what is thy shame or pain,
Thou *Phœnix* like, next Year reviv'st again.

Since Time (dear Friends) doth run away so fast,
Which cannot be recall'd when once its past ;
By hours, by days, by months and years we see
Time's measured, but posts insensiblie,
Saint *Augustine* could never Time desyne,
No Mortal can their fatal Hour decline.
Many shall see this Year begun, remember,
Who'll never see the last day of *December*,
God help us so to spend our Time, that we
May ne'r at last be terrifi'd to die.

TEMPUS *Edax Rerum, &c.*.

Thus ends the Year, and merry may you be,
He's wise who knows the other Year to see.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1721.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement | By The Right Honourable the Iustices of Peace of | the Shire of Aberdeen, met at their Quarter Session | upon the second Day of May One Thousand Seven Hun- | dred and Twenty One Years. | . . . [Unstamped or faulty Linen to be seized.] *End.* Given at Aberdeen the

Third day of May, One Thousand Seven Hun- | dred and Twenty One Years. By Robert Stewart Provost of Aber- | deen Preses of the said meeting undersub- scriving. | Robert Stewart Preses. |

Broadsheet, 12¼ × 7 in. No place or printer's name, but printed at Aberdeen by James Nicol.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

ALMANAC. [Aberdeen's New Prognostication For the Year of our Lord 1721.

Aberdeen Printed and Sold by James Nicol, Printer to the Town and University, at his Shop in the End of the Broad Gate, and in Edinburgh by John Paton Bookseller in the Parliament Closs, 1721. Price 2 Pence.]

Broadsheet, 15½ × 12½ in. Divided by lines into four columns, and again transversely, forming twelve pages or divisions. The first eight pages read down two-thirds of each column; the last four pages read across. 1 Computation of Time, 2—8 Astronomical Notes and Weather Forecasts for each month, with list of Fairs, 9 Eclipses, Feasts, Terms, &c., 10 Tide Table, 11 Advertisements, and commencement of verses "The Conclusion for this Year 1721," concluded on p. 12. The head line and imprint have unfortunately been cut away.

The events prophesied in the Poetical Conclusion required, certainly, no great sagacity to foretell them; but for their quaintness and humour the lines are well worth quoting:—

From *Phœbus*-Hall our Prints declare,
That th' Earth is round, and no ways square,
That Truth will be with Rogues as rare
As honesty:
That days will be some foul, some fair,
promiscuously.

By *Luna's* Packet we are told,
That Brass will more abound than Gold;
The Weather sometimes hot or cold,
or freezing strong;
That severall People will grow Old,
if they live long.

From *Mercury* our Mercuries,
Prognosticate of Thefts and Lies;
Of Privateers and Stoln Cheese,
and borrow'd money,
Of High Way-men and stingless bees,
which makes not honey.

From *Mars* his Court we have Advice,
That some will be so stuff'd with Spiee,
That they will squable in a Trice
and fight for Blood;
As did of Old the Frogs and Mice,
but peace is good.

From *Jupiter* we've Information,
That Hoops will sell well in this Nation,
Since Farthingales, that modest Fashion
are much in use;
That *Neptune* will get an Invasion
from *Æolus*.

From *Venus's* Mount our latest mails,
Fortell of Spacious Farthingales,
Of Ships equipp'd with lovely Sails,
of civil Robbers;
Of Cawsey-hens and Nightingales,
and the Stock-Jobbers.

The freshest News we have from *Saturn*,
Say many Nymphs and marri'd Matron
Will wear an elevated Apron
for Propogation,
But Brandy will be dear as Saffron
within this Nation.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1722.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement by Order of the Right Honourable the Justices of | Peace, of the Shire of Aberdeen, met at their Quarter Session. | . . . [The Laws regulating the Cloth and Stockings Manufactures to be stringently enforced,] And whereas it is pretended, by the Stamp- | masters as the reason for the stamps not being clear & distinct, on the foresaid manufacturys, that they can- | not get sufficient Ink for that purpose, this is to Advertise all Stamp-masters, that they may be furnished with | good and sufficient Ink for that purpose, by Andrew Thomson Merchant in the School Hill of Aberdeen, | at a reasonable rate. . . . | Given at Aberdeen the seventh day of March, | One Thousand seven Hundred and Twentie Two Years; by Robert Stewart Provost of Aberdeen, | Præses to the said meeting Subscriveing. | Robert Stewart Præses. |

Broadsheet, 15¼ × 12¼ in. No printer's name, but printed by James Nicol.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

ALMANAC. [Aberdeen's New Prognostication For the Year of our Lord 1722.

Aberdeen Printed and Sold by James Nicol, Printer to the Town and University, at his Shop in the End of the Broad Gate, and in Edinburgh by John Paton Bookseller in the Parliament Closs, 1722. Price 2 Pence.]

Broadsheet, 15¾ × 12½ in. Divided by lines into four columns, and again transversely, forming twelve pages or divisions. The first eight pages read down two-thirds of each column; the last four pages read across. 1 Computation of Time, 2—8 Astronomical Notes, &c.; for each month, with lists of the Fairs, 9 Eclipses, Feasts, &c., 10 Tide Table, 11 Advertisements, with the commencement of verses concluded on page 12. The head line and imprint cut away.

The poetical "Conclusion for this Year 1722" is as follows:—

'Twixt *Murcur* and the *Hilldown* Tree,
These following things a man may see:
Two Noble Rivers there doth run,
Adorn'd with Splendid Briggs of Stone;
One of one Arch without compare,
The other of Seven, and very Fair,
And yearly throughout every Arch,
Cathedral Fish in Legions march,
Long time these have the Fronteers been,
Of the Antient Towns of ABERDEEN.
For if these Briggs were quite away,
They would be a *Peninsula;*
Bounded on East with *Neptune's* Fleet,
With Braidhill, Block-house, Canno-sweet,
With famous Town of antient *Fittie*,
Where dwelleth women wise and wittie,
On West with a large fertile Field,
Which Parsneps, Turneps, Carrets yeeld;
With finest Cabbage, Sybows, Leeks,
[Which women sell who wear the Breeks]
Potato's, Beans, & *cætera*,
Abound in this *Peninsula*,
Wake, Wind, and Water-Mills these Towns,
Do separate from Rustick Clowns:
In midst of these there may be seen,
The beauteous Towns of ABERDEEN;
Whose *UNIVERSITIES* discover
Their Learning all the World over,
Their Musick, stately Buildings, Bells,
Their spacious Streets, and Suggared Wells,
Which any may observe who will,
'Twixt *Tillidron* and *Ferrihill:*
Inverurie Battle and *Harlaw*,
Did their Ancestors Valour shaw,

All which demonstrate in a World,
The Comeliness of BON-ACCORD.

Thus fare ye well till the next Year,
When I'm your Guest, then make good Chear.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1723.

ALMANAC. [Aberdeen's New Prognostication For the Year of our Lord 1723.

Aberdeen Printed and Sold by James Nicol, Printer to the Town and University, at his Shop in the End of the Broad Gate, and in Edinburgh by John Paton Bookseller in the Parliament Closs, 1723. Price 2 Pence.]

Broadsheet, 15½ × 12¾ in. Divided by lines into four columns, and again transversely, forming twelve pages or divisions. As in the Almanac last described, the first eight pages read down two-thirds of each column; the remaining four read across. 1 Computation of Time, 2—8 Astronomical Notes, Weather Forecasts, and list of Fairs for each month, 9 Eclipses, Feasts, and Terms, with Latin Motto at foot, 10 Tide Table, 11 The usual Advertisements, with this advice added:—

What e'r you be, where e'r you dwell,
Bring Money when for these ye Call.

The Poetical "Conclusion for this Year 1723" commences on p. 11, and is concluded on the last page. The heading and imprint have both been cut away.

The Rhymed Prophecy with which the Almanac concludes is as follows:—

Strange Alterations will fall out this Year,
Fresh Water some will drink, for lack of Beer.
Others, who live Be-South and North the Line
Will tipple Tea and Rack instead of Wine.
Some will rejoice to hear anothers Gutts,
Others will long for Forreign Cocko-Nuts.

Eggs will be fresh when they are lately laid,
And *HER-NAIN-SELL*, will wear the Tartain plaid.
Some thousands will assemble in our Isles,
But Master Fox will suffer for his Wyles.
Improvements will be made in many parts;
And Burglary as well as other Arts.
Fairs will be fraught, with Cut-pursses & Horners;
With Moon-light-men with Horse-stealers & Sorners.
Yet warry Bees, will still be gathering Honey;
Therefore let all take heed to hide their Money.
A Dog shall on a Fidle sweetly play,
And Woods and Hills, shall dance and run away,
An ancient Nymph will haunt Saint *Machars* Kirk,
Invisible, both when it's light or mirk:
Yet so discreet, she'll speak to every one,
Tho she allow her presence unto none:
With every Temper she will Sympathize,
She'll sing with singers, neize with them that neize.
She'll mourn alowd with those that mourn or cry:
This Creature doth portend some Prodigy.
The *Transilvanians* say, that she wast wont,
For to be heard in their *Carpathian* Mount.
May peace and Truth, among us still abide.
Good News at length will to all Nations ride.
Through *Feflis*, *Cambalu* and *Astracan*,
Through *Peking*, *Agra*, *Mecha*, *Ispahan*.
Through *Asia* and *Affrick*; around the Lake of *Zaire*;
Through *Mixico*, to *Peru* 'nd *Dela-Maire*.
I'll not be positive, as great *Jeriew*,
Least I should lie: No more this Year *Adiew*.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1724.

ALMANAC. [Aberdeen's New Prognostication For the Year of our Lord 1724.

Aberdeen Printed and Sold by James Nicol, Printer to the Town and University, at his Shop in the End of

the Broad Gate, and in Edinburgh by John Paton Bookseller in the Parliament Closs, 1724. Price 2 Pence.]

Broadsheet, $15\frac{3}{4} \times 12\frac{3}{4}$ in. Divided into four columns by lines, and again transversely, forming twelve pages or divisions. The first eight pages read down two-thirds of each column; and the last four read across. 1 Computation of Time, 2—8 Astronomical Notes, &c., for each month, 9 Eclipses, Moveable Feasts, Terms, &c., 10 Tide Table, 11 Advertisements, and commencement of "The Conclusion." The twelfth page is wanting, as well as the heading and imprint, which have unfortunately been cut away.

The poetical "Conclusion for this Year 1724" is the latest that I have met with in the Aberdeen Almanacs, and although only a fragment, it is worth reprinting. It reads as follows:—

One Year doth come into anothers place,
Just as one Wave another Wave doth chase:
Time is an equal measureing of Motion,
According to a Succedaneous Notion:
Men reckon up their lives by days and Years,
He's happyest his End in mind who bears.
Our Breath (while here) doth like a Bellows go,
He reaps at last, who doth in Season sow:
But when our Lungs the Bellows of our breath,
Begin to fail, then soon approacheth Death:
Time past is gone, and will no more return,
And while we speak, we post into our Urn:
The rest is wanting.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1725.

ALMANAC. [Aberdeen's New Prognostication For the Year of our Lord 1725.

Aberdeen Printed and Sold by James Nicol, Printer to the Town and University, at his Shop in the End of the Broad Gate, and in Edinburgh by John Paton

Bookseller in the Parliament Closs, 1725. Price 2 Pence.]

Broadsheet, 15⅞ × 12⅝ in. Divided into four columns, and again transversely, forming twelve pages or divisions. The first eight pages read down two-thirds of each column; the remaining four read across. 1 Computation of Time, 2—8 Astronomical Notes, Weather Forecasts, and List of Fairs for each month, 9 Eclipses, Moveable Feasts, and Terms, with Advertisement of Stamped Papers at foot of the page, 10 Tide Table, 11 and 12 are wanting, also the heading and imprint.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

The above and seven other Aberdeen Prognostications, dated from 1716-25, formerly belonged to the late Andrew Jervise, were sold at his sale, and resold to their present owner for the sum of six shillings and sixpence. The first Almanac in the collection is in book form, but the remaining seven had been cut into the several pages or divisions indicated by the lines, and pasted down upon blank sheets, giving them quite a fragmentary appearance. It was only when I chanced to come upon the mention of an Aberdeen Almanac for 1720, described as a broadsheet in the sale catalogue of Mr. Jervise's Library, that the idea occurred to me that these separate pieces might have once formed broadsheets. The suggestion was confirmed when, on removing them from the leaves on which they were mounted, I found that they joined exactly, almost without exception; only, as mentioned above, five of the Almanacs are without imprint, three of the proper complement of divisions are wanting, and all are without head line. They appear to have been placed in their late covers at a period possibly contemporary with the date of the latest of them. The collection is remarkable as being, so far as I am aware, the largest of these rarest of prints to be found in any one Library.

LETTER. A Letter from a Gentleman at | Aberdeen, | To His Friend at Edinburgh, | Anent the Settling of a Minister at Aberdeen. | April 24th, 1725. |

F°. Six pages. Without place or printer's name. There is no titlepage.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

1726.

LETTER. A | Letter | To A | Friend in the Country, | Concerning | The Settlement of a Minister |. In | Aberdeen. |

Printed in the Year MDCCXXVI. |

4°. A—B in fours. No place or printer's name.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

LETTER. A | Second Letter | To A | Friend in the Country, | About The | Settlement of a Minister | In | Aberdeen. |

Printed in the Year MDCCXXVI. |

4°. Eight pages, including title. No place or printer's name. The "Country Friend's Answer" was printed in Edinburgh in 1727.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

TURNBULL, GEORGE. Theses Academicæ | De Pulcherrima Mundi cum Ma- | terialis tum Rationalis constitutione | Quas; Deo Volente, sub Præsidio Georgii | Turnbull P.P, In Auditorio publico Ac- | ademiæ Novæ Abredonensis ad diem 14 Aprilis, | H.S, propugnabunt hi Generosi Adolescentes, ad | Gradum Magisterialem laudabiliter contendentes. | [Here follow the names of thirty-nine candidates.]

Abredeis, Excudebat Jacobus Nicol, Urbis & | Universitatis Typographus, Ann. Dom. 1726. |

4°. Six leaves, or 12 pp. p. [1] Title, p. [2] Dedication to Patrick Duff of Premnay, Lord Rector of Marischal College, pp. 3-12 Theses.

University Library, Aberdeen.

1728.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement | By Order of the Right Honourable, | The Justices of the Peace of the Shire of Aberdeen, | Met at their Quarter Session, at Aberdeen. | . . . [Relating to the Manufacture of Stockings, and threatening prosecution to those who do not comply with the laws regulating the same.] *End.* Given at Aberdeen, the Twenty Ninth Day of October, | 1728 Years. | Alexr. Fraser. |

Broadsheet, 17 × 12½ in. No printer's name, but printed by James Nicol.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

1729.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement | By Order | Of the Justices of Peace of the Shire | of Aberdeen, | Mett at their Quarter-Session at Aberdeen, | The Twelfth Day of May, One Thou- | sand Seven Hundred and Twenty | Nine Years. | . . . [Relating to the Cloth and Stockings Manufactures carried on in Aberdeen.] *End.* Given at Aberdeen the said Twelfth Day of May, One | Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Nine Years. By William Cruikshank Provost | of Aberdeen the Præses. | Will. Cruikshank Præses. |

F°. pp. [4.] No titlepage. Printed by James Nicol, although no printer's name is mentioned.

Alexander Walker, Esq., Aberdeen.

1730.

CHALMERS, GEORGE. A Letter from the North, in Answer to another from a | Friend in the South, concerning Principal Chalmers his | Call to Old-Machar, and the Conduct of the Presbytery | of Aberdeen and the people of Old-Machar thereanent. |

F°. A—C, two leaves each, or pp. 12. No place or printer's name. The date 1730 is printed on the endorse.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

SHEPHERD, THOMAS. The | Sound Believer, | a | Treatise | of | Evangelicall Conversion. | Discovering | The Work of Christ's Spirit, in recon- | ciling of a Sinner to God. | By Tho. Shepherd, sometimes of | Emanuel Colledge in Cambridge, | Now Preacher of God's Word | in New-England. | Mat. 18. 11. | [Quoted.]

Aberdeen, Printed by James | Nicol, Printer to the Town | and University, An. Dom. 1730. |

12°. A—O 8 in twelves.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1732.

DUFF, WILLIAM. Dissertatio Philosophica, | De | Natura & Legibus Materiæ: | Quam cum Annexis, Auspice Deo Opt. Max. Generosi hi, op- | timæ spei Adoloscentes (*sic*), Laureæ Magisterialis Candidati, pub- | licè propugnabunt, in ædibus inclytæ Academiæ Marischallanæ | Aberdonensis ad diem 13 Aprilis,

1732. | H.L.Q.S. | Præside Gulielmo Duff, P.P. | Candidatorum Nomina. | [Here follow the names of thirty-nine candidates.]

Abredæis: | Excudebat Jacobus Nicol, Urbis & Universitatis | Typographus, Anno Dom. M,DCC, XXXII. |

4°. Six leaves, or 12 pp. p. [1] Title, p. [2] Dedication to James Morison, Provost, and to the rest of the Magistrates and Councillors of Aberdeen, pp. 3-12 Theses.

The copy examined, which was formerly in the Library of Marischal College, is bound along with another tract, and has this MS. note on the fly-leaf:—"The first of these Tracts was presented to Marischal College in 1840 by David Laing, Esq., Edinburgh. The second was found behind the Dial-plate of the Clock in taking down the Old College in May, 1840. At the end of it is a Catalogue in MS. of the Books belonging to James Morison, who was Provost of Aberdeen in 1744-1746 and 1752-1754."

It is this second tract that I have described above, and it is a curious fact that the copy thus singularly preserved should have belonged to the very person to whom the tract was dedicated. Both the tract and catalogue are much weather-stained, while through every leaf there is a jagged hole, an inch and a-half in diameter, made by the pinions to which the clock hands are attached. It would appear that in fitting up or repairing the clock at some period later than February, 1758,* a wedge of some kind had been required, and as probably this tract lay ready to hand, it had been ruthlessly used for the purpose. The Catalogue was printed in "Notes and Queries," 6th Series, Vol. VII., p. 444, along with a statement of the singular circumstances of its preservation.

University Library, Aberdeen.

KER, JOHN. Frasereides: | Sive | Funebris Oratio & Elegia, | In laudem Desideratissimi Viri, | Jacobi Fraserii, J.U.D. | Collegii Regii Aberdonensis Mæcenatis & | Patroni beneficentissimi; Qui Londini obiit, xxvi Maii, A.D. | M.DCC.XXXI. Ætatis suæ

* I am able to assign this as the earliest date from an entry in the MS. Catalogue, as follows:—"1758 Lent Feb. 18 To John Forbes Clerk to Mr. Jas. Barnett Pomfret's Poems."

Lxxxvi. | Habita in ejusdem Collegii Maximo Auditorio, ejusdemque Anni | xxviii die Septembris, qui Fraserio Natalis fuit; coram Uni- | versitatis Rectore, Moderatoribus & Profes- | soribus; nec non frequenti conventu Auditorum, genere, | literis, pietate & virtute insignium. | Jubente Senatu Academico. | Perorante Joanne Ker, Græcarum Literarum Professore. | [Woodcut of Crowned Thistle.]

Aberdoniæ: | Excudebat Jacobus Nicol, Urbis & Universitatis Typogra- | phus, A.Æ.C. M.DCC.XXXII.

4°. A—C in fours. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank, A 2[1] Dedication "Cosmo Georgio Duci de Gordon," A 2[2] blank, A 3[1]—C 1, pp. 6-18 (p. 6 is on A 3[2]), Funebris Oratio, C 2—4[1], pp. 19-23, Lachrymæ & Planctus (in verse), Woodcut of a Bough Pot, with three Lilies, supported by two Gryphins, at foot of p. 23, C 4[2] Woodcut of Bookplate of King's College Library, Aberdeen.

University Library, Aberdeen.

Sine Anno.

EXTRACTS. Taken From The | Aberdeen | Records. | [Extracts relating to the Election of Provost and Magistrates in 1398, the destruction of deer, building of St. Nicholas Church, &c., from the Burgh Records, 1393-1507.] The Rents of the Bishop of Aberdeen, 1576, | [The rental is first stated in kind, and then reduced to Money Value.] Note of the Prices of Grain, &c., At different times, | [Extending over a period of 200 years, from 1435 to 1637.]

F°. 13⅛ × 8½ in. Without date, place, or printer's name, but probably printed at Aberdeen by James Nicol about 1730. Printed within borders. The Extracts and Rents occupy the first page, and the Prices of Grain the second.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

THE

ABERDEEN PRINTERS

Edward Raban to James Nicol

1620—1736

BY

J. P. EDMOND

Part IV *Historical Notices, &c.*

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IV.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

EDWARD RABAN.

1620 (Edinburgh).

SYMSON, ARCHIBALD. Christes | Testament | vnfolded: | Or, | Seauen Godlie and learned | Sermons, on our Lords | seauen last words, spo- | ken on the Crosse. | By M. A. Symson, Minister of the | Gospel at Dalkeith. | [Woodcut of Fox.]

Printed at Edinbvrgh, by Edward | Raban: dwelling at the Cowgate | Port, at the signe of A B C. 1620. | With Licence. |

See page 1. 8°. Black Letter. A—M in eights. Without pagination. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank, A 2—3, pp. [4], Dedication "To the right Christian, Noble, and vertuous Ladie, Anna, Covntesse of Morton, &c.," A 4—5[1], pp. [3], To the Reader, A 5[2]—6[1], pp. [2], Verses of "Commendation of this Booke to the Reader," signed M. I. Adamson, A 6[2] is blank. The foregoing six leaves in Roman and Italic type. A 7[1]—M 6[2], pp. [176], The First Word, &c., in Black Letter. The running head lines are Christs first Word, | Vpon the Crosse, | &c., in various founts—Roman Caps, Italic Caps, and Italic Upper and Lowercase. M 7[1], one page, "Faults escaped in printing, which the discreet Reader will easily pardon: and if neede bee, amende with his Penne," M 7[2]—8[2] blank. In addition to the woodcut of the Fox, the large woodcut *Fleur de Lys* occurs once on C 2[2] complete, and on M 6[2] the upper half only. On A 6[1] is an oval, ornamental cut, and numerous top and tail pieces made up from ornamental borders are found throughout the book. Dr. David Laing's copy, formerly Geo. Chalmers' copy.

British Museum, C. 37. b. 20.

1620 (St. Andrews).

TILENUS, DANIEL. Parænesis ad Scotos, &c. 1620.

See page 3. A 1[1] is covered with woodcut devices identical with E 8[2], A 1[2] blank.

*University Library, Glasgow.**

1621 (St. Andrews).

BARON, ROBERT. Philosophia Theologiae ancillans, &c. 1621.

See page 3. The blank leaf occurs after "Exercitatio prima . . ." and "Index Articulorum . . ." precedes the Dedication to John, Abp. of St. Andrews. This is the proper folding of the leaves.

University Library, Glasgow.

1622 (Aberdeen).

DUNBAR, WILLIAM. The Merrie Historie of the Thrie Friers of Berwicke. 1622.

See page 8. The merie historie of the *twa* Friers of Berwic, 1622. Pinkerton's *Early Scottish Poetry*, who gives as his authority, "Bagford MS. Collections on Printing," British Museum.

Biographia Abredonensis, I., 97.†

It is curious to note that the source from which so many quoted the inaccurate title of this work is none other than the notorious John Bagford. I have examined his MS. Collections in the British Museum, and find it stated there exactly as Dr. Joseph Robertson gives it in the Book of Bon-Accord, p. 55.

* For the numerous descriptions of books in the University Library, Glasgow, I am indebted to John Young, Jr., Esq., Assistant Librarian there.

† The late Dr. Joseph Robertson left a large collection of valuable material, beautifully written, in three volumes, titled "Biographia Abredonensis." I am greatly indebted to Mrs. Robertson for permission to make use of her husband's writings on Aberdeen printing and authors.

TABLE of Books. 1622.

It is ordainit that a tabill salbe maid of all suche bukes as ar requisite for the bairnes both in the grammer schole and Inglishe schole and the said tabill to be printed.

Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LI., p. 20.

TILENUS, DANIEL. De Disciplina. 1622.

See page 9. This was the work of Daniel Tilenus, born 4th Feb., 1563, at Goldberg, in Silesia; died at Paris, 1st August, 1633. He was Professor of Theology at Sedan. "Il adressa aux Écossais un discours dans lequel il avança que l'on avait fait un changement trop considérable dans la religion des Presbyteriens"—Biogr. Universelle, tome xlvi. p. 52. This discourse was presented to the King of England, who ordered it to be printed, and invited the author to this country; but, being accused of heresy at London, he did not come. He was a voluminous writer, and an eloquent.

Biographia Abredonensis, I., 49.

1623.

ALMANAC. A New | Prognostication, | For the yeare of our Lord | God 1623. | Being the third after Leape-yeare. | Serving most fitlie for the King- | dome of Scotland, and | all the partes of North | Britane, &c. | [Woodcut of large *Fleur de Lys.*]

Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Raban, For | David Melvill. 1623. |

See pp. 10-12. From a tracing made in 1841 by Norval Clyne, Esq., Advocate in Aberdeen, from a copy bound up along with the Aberdeen Almanacs for 1624 and 1625, and Edinburgh Almanacs for the five preceding years, viz.:—1618-1622.

GRAY, GILBERT. An Oration.
Aberdene, Printed by Edward Raban. 1623.

Mr. Gilbert Gray was Principal of Marischall Colledge. He was a most eloquent and learned man. He wrote ane Oration which is to be seen. It was printed by Edward Raban.

Catalogue of Scottish Writers, p. 115.

"Mr. Gilbert Gray principall of ye new college wes verie honorabillie bureit in ye new kirk in his umqhle fatheris grave the 29 december 1614."

Register of Burialls.

He was Principal from 1598 to 1614. Kennedy's Annals of Aberdeen, II., 118.

Biographia Abredonensis, I., 52.

Dr. Knight, in his MS. Collections relating to Marischal College, says the Oration was printed by Raban in *1623*.

LACHRYMÆ ACAD. MARISCHALL. 1623.

See page 13. *Erratum—For* A—C 1, two leaves each, *read* A—C 1, four leaves each, and in next two lines—*for* 10, *read* 18.

SPENCER, JOHN. Grammaticale Bellum, &c. 1623.

See page 15. The author of this work is Andreas *Guarna* Salernitanus.

Communicated by John Young, Jr., Esq., Glasgow University Library.

VIVES, J. L. Ad Sapientiam introductio. 1623.

See page 15. F 12[1] is blank, except for the border lines, F 12[2] blank.

University Library, Glasgow.

1624.

ALMANAC. Gabriel Friends | Prognostication | For the Yeere of God 1624, | Beeing Leape-Yeare | Serving most fitlie for the whole Kingdome | of Scotland. | [Woodcut of Arms of the City of Aberdeen.]

Aberdene, | ¶ Imprinted by Edward Raban, | for David Melvill, 1624. |

See page 15. From a tracing by Norval Clyne, Esq., Advocate, Aberdeen, made in 1841. The following extracts were also made by Mr. Clyne, being warning remarks on the character of the several seasons:—

WINTER.

This quarter causeth him to wake with an hungry Bellie, who slept securely in Summer: and him to sleepe full warmly who was busie in harvest. Therefore we sluggards, who have neglected the last Summer, let us not doe so the next.

SPRING.

Many tennants shall leave their habitations voyde to their greedie Landlords. Some stryfe amongst noblemen; and great losse unto cautioners and creditors, by their vaine-glorious and desperate debters. Many shall be to seeke at the Tearmes of payment, and sundry take their leave without Farewell.

SUMMER.

Manie Robberies and much Piracie, will be committed in this quarter, by leude and dissolute persons, for whome mee thinkes I heare the Gallowes continuallie groaning.

God prevent the Witches.

HARVEST.

Also the diseases of this quarter are not a few, such as burning agues, hote Feavers, and paines at the Stomacke, but at this time, and for ever, I commit thee to the wholsome hand of God, and to the cure of the skilfull Physician. *Where is he?*

GUILD, WILLIAM. Three Rare Monuments, &c. 1624.

See page 16. *Collation.* (A 1 wanting), A 2^1 Title, A 2^2 blank, A 3—B 3^1, pp. 6-21 (p. 6 is on A 3^2), The Epistle Dedicatorie "To the truelie Noble, and right honourable, William, Earle Marshall of Scotland, Lord Keyth and Altrie, &c.," B 3^2 To the Reader (signed Walter Forbes), B 4, pp. 23-24, Bertrams Lyfe, B 5—G 6, pp. 23 108, Bertrams Treatise, G 7—H 2, pp. 109-116, Bertrams Pvrging, H 3—I 7^1, pp. 117-141, Ælfricvs Sermon, I 7^2, p. 142, woodcut of Scottish Arms, I 8—K 3, pp. 143-150, Rabanvs Discovrse, K 4^1 woodcut of Scottish Arms, K 4^2 woodcut devices.

In the transcript of the title two bars have been omitted, viz., in the third line, "(written 800 yeares agoe)," | and line six, "(preached 627 years agoe:)" |

University Library, Glasgow.

1625.

ALMANAC. A Prognostication, | For this yeare of our Redemption 1625: | Beeing the next after Leape-year | Serving for the whole Kingdome of Scot- | land, but most especiallie, and ac- | ding (*sic*) to Rabans bound duetie, for the | Latitude and Meridian of the | Honourable Citie of | Aberdene. | [Arms of the City of Aberdeen, with initials E. R., one at each side.]

Imprinted at Aberdene, by Edward | Raban, for David Melvill, 1625. |

See page 18. From a tracing made in 1841 by Norval Clyne, Esq., Advocate, Aberdeen. Mr. Clyne copied the Almanac in its entirety, and through his courtesy I am enabled to give some extracts.

The title is followed by "A briefe and just Computation of Tyme, &c.," "The Common Notes, and mooveable Feasts, &c.," and a statement of

the division of the year into months, &c. In this last is the well-known quatrain :—

Thirtie dayes hath September,
April, June, and November:
Februarie hath twentie and eight alone
All the rest have thirtie dayes and one.

The four seasons of the year are next treated of, with verses applicable to each quarter :—

WINTER.

The Prince of Planets, to the lowest Line,
From his Meridian Course doth now decline;
And Flora's faire and partie-colour'd Coat,
Now misregarded, is roll'd up to rot,
And in this cold sharpe season of the Yeare,
Plants, Herbs, and Trees unpleasant all appeare.
And grosse raw Rheums, phlegmaticall and colde
This Quarters constitution best unfolde.

SPRING.

While Phœbus, Phlegon, and Pyrrhöus plyes
His wing-hoov'd horses, to re-scall the skyes:
And up Heavens Hill hee by degrees them dryves,
Inferiour faded things again revyves.
Plants, Fruits and Flowrs, all Fosters of the Earth
Rebourgeon blythlie, and renew their birth.
This Season best (by Nature moist and hote)
In youthfull yeares and sanguine natures note.

SUMMER.

The Sunne now mounted to the highest stayes,
And makes us shortest nights, and longest Dayes:
Whose neare-by verticall rebatted beame
Rypes, burns, and blasts the blades, with heat extreame.
The Plants are parch'd, the ground doth gagg, so drye,
Fish in the floods, Frogs in the fields doe frye.
Cholericke humours, & full strength, alwayes
The heate of Summers Season best displayes.

HARVEST.

The Sunnes declyning course, and lower Gate,
Prepares the Harvest with a temprate heate.

Pomona's spoyl'd, and Ceres poll'd and shorne:
The Meadowes mowne, made balde, as they were borne.
And now the Earth with increase doth restore,
For Man and Beast whatere shee got before.
Mens melancholicke humours, hote and drye,
With weake olde age, the Harv'st and Fall descrye.

The Eclipses that fall within the year are then set forth, followed by "A Declaration of Casualties likely to fall out." In the latter the writer claims Pope Joanna as his "native countrey woman." The changes of the Moon in each month, with predictions on the weather, and "All the principall Faires of fayre Scotland," occupy the remainder of the Prognostication, concluding with the address to the chapmen by the printer, which I have already given on a preceding page (18).

PSALMS. 1625.

See pp. 19 and 23. There is now lying before me an edition of the version of the Psalms by Sternhold and Hopkins, "together with the Tunes diligently revised and amended by the most expert Musicians in Aberdene," printed at Aberdeen by Raban in 1625.

Book of Bon-Accord, Joseph Robertson, p. 124.

The above extract places it almost beyond doubt that Raban printed an edition of the Psalms in 1625. The notes by me at page 19, and by Mr. Quaritch's Cataloguer at page 23, are consequently misleading.

I had written the above note before receiving confirmatory evidence from Mr. John Young, Jr., of Glasgow University Library.

The following collation Mr. Young made independently of anything that I had written; and, so far as can be seen, the copy (imperfect also) in the Bodleian described at pp. 30-31, is identical with the one collated by Mr. Young. It will be observed, however, that Mr. Young designates the Euing copy 24°, whereas the Bodleian was certainly 16°:—

PSALMS. The Psalms in Meeter. 1625.

24°. *Collation.* Eight leaves + ¶, ¶¶ + A—Ff in eights. (1 Title? *wanting*), 2—7, Kalendar, 8—¶¶ 3^2 Prayers—The Order of Baptisme—The Administration of the Lord's Supper—The Forme of Marriage, ¶¶ 4—A 3^1 the Common Tunes, A 3^2 Doxologies, A 4—Dd 7^1 Psalms in prose and metre (the prose in the margins), Dd 7^2—Ff 2^1 The Ten Commandments—a Prayer—the Lord's Prayer—Veni Creator—Nunc dimittis—the Twelve Articles of Christian belief—the humble sute of a Sinner—

the Lamentation of a Sinner—Magnificat—the Complaint of a Sinner—the Lamentation, Ff 2[1]—3[1] Table of the Psalms, Ff 3[2]—8 Prayers. Colophon at foot of Ff 8[2]:—Aberdene, | Printed by mee Edward Raban. 1625. |

Besides the tunes at the beginning, there are tunes printed with a considerable number of the Psalms in their order.

Euing Musical Library, Anderson's College, Glasgow.

1626.

PSALMS. The | Psalmes | Of David | In Scottish metre, | With a perfect Table for | xxiij, years to come, and | an exact Kalendar | for ever. | Also, Morning & Euening prayer, | together with many others. |

Anno 1626 | Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Raban, | for David Melvill. |

24°. Twelve leaves + A—L 8 in twelves. *Collation.* 1[1] Title, 1[2] Table of Moveable Feasts, 2—7, pp. [12], Callendar, 8—11, pp. [8], Prayers, 12[1] Second Title, within borders, as follows:—

The | Psalmes | Of David | in metre, | As they are sung in | the Churches of | Scotland. |

Printed in Aberdene, | By Edward Raban, for | David Melvil. 1626. | 12[2] blank, A—L 5[2] Psalms, L 6—7[1] Hymns, L 7[2]—8[2] Prayers. There is no paging.

Alexander Young, Esq., Glasgow.

1627.

GUILD, WILLIAM. A Compend | Of the Controversies | of Religion, | Wherin Trueth is confir- | med, and Errour convinced, | By Authoritie of Scripture, | Witnessing of Antiquitie, and | Confession of Partie: | Most necessarie for all, in this | Backe-slyding

Age. | By W. G. Minister of God's Word. | [Quotation from St. Jerome.]

Aberdene, | Printed by Edward Ra- | ban. 1627. |

12°. ¶, six leaves + A—I in twelves. ¶ 1 blank, ¶ 2^1 Title, within borders, ¶ 2^2 blank, ¶ 3—5^1, pp. 6-9 (page 6 on 3^2), Dedication to the Countess of Einzie, ¶ 5^2—6^2, pp. 11-12 (page 11 on 6^1), To the Reader, A—I 5^2, pp. 14-214 (page 14 on A 1^2), Compend, &c., I 6—7^1, pp. 216-217 (page 216 on I 6^2), Errata, I 7^2 is blank, I 8^1—11^2 (not paged), Table of the Contents, I 12 is blank.

See page 100, where this was in error attributed to James Brown's press. Watt gives no date or printer's name.

James Chalmers, Esq. of Westburn.

LAWES of all the Schooles. 1627.

9 May 1627. The quhilk day . . . it is appointed that the lawes of all the schooles shall be imprinted and publictlie affixt in everie scole, that nather maister nor scoller pretend ignorance thairoff.

Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-1642, p. 14.

1629.

FORBES, JOHN. Irenicum, &c. 1629.

See pp. 29-30, and 58. Three copies, two of which are the same as the copy described ; the other differs in having page 151 correctly numbered ; pp. 326-7 are correctly numbered in all three.

The so-called second edition is an instance of the too common trick of publishers putting a new dated titlepage to an old book. With the exception of the title, the two editions are identical, even to the Errata.

University Library, Glasgow.

PSALMS. Psalms (English), "with the Common Tunes in foure parts, by the most expert Musicians in Aberdene."

Aberdeene : E. Raban, 1629.

24°. Lent by David Laing, Esq.

Caxton Celebration Catalogue, 1877, p. 161.

PSALMS. The CL. | Psalmes | Of the Princelie Prophet | David, | In English Metre, | According as they are sung in the Chvrch | of Scotland. | With manie Godlie Prayers, as well for Morning and Evening, | as also before and after Sermons, and the Holie | Commvnion ; and for everie person : | with a perfect Table of the Psalms. | Psal. c. 1. 2. [Quoted. Woodcut of Arms of the City of Aberdeen.]

Printed in Aberdene, by Edward Raban, | For David Melvill. Anno Domini 1629. |

4°. A—L 2 in fours. A 1 Title, verso blank, A 2—L 2² Psalmes of David. The title is printed within a broad woodcut border, with Hebrew letters at the top. The Psalms are printed in double columns, separated by a woodcut pattern. There is no music.

See page 30, where I quote from Hazlitt's Notes and Collections, 2nd Series.

James Chalmers, Esq. of Westburn.

STRACHAN, ANDREW. Propositiones, | & | Problemata Philosophica, | De quibus A.P.D.O.M. | Publica & solennis συζήτησις instituetur, | Ad diem vicesimum Ivlii, | Horis pomeridianis, | In publico Academiæ Regiæ Aberdonensis auditorio ; | Respondentibus Magisterii Philosophici Candidatis. | Præside Andrea Strachano. | [Motto, and Thistle woodcut.]

Aberdoniæ, | Excvdebat Edvardvs Rabanvs, | Anno Domini 1629. |

4°. Titlepage only. Within woodcut border. Dedication to James Sandilands on verso.

British Museum, Harleian MSS., 5938, 14.
Bagford Collections.

VIRGILIUS. Pvbl. | Virgilii | Maronis | Poemata, | Cum optimis, quæ nunc exstant, & fide dig- | nissimis exemplaribus collata & correcta. | Quibus brevissimæ exiisdem exemplaribus excerptæ | annotationes, in margine adscripta sunt | Rerum & verborum memorabilium amplissimus index. | [Woodcut of Griffin.]

Aberdoniæ, | Excudit Edvardus Rabanus, | Impensis Davidis Melvil. 1629. | Cvm Privilegio. |

8°. A—Ii in eights. A 1 Title, within woodcut borders, verso blank, A 2—Ii 8 Virgilii Poemata. The pagination commences on A 2², marked page 4, to Ii 7¹, page 509; the remaining three pages are not numbered. Colophon on verso of Ii 8:—"Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Edvardus Rabanus, | Anno Domini, | 1629." |

James Chalmers, Esq. of Westburn.

1630.

TYMME, THOMAS. A Silver Watch-bell, the sound whereof is able (by the Grace of God) to win the most profane worldling, and careles liver (if there be but the least sparke of Grace remayning in him) to become a true Christian indeed: that in the ende he may obtayne everlasting salvation. Whereunto is adjoyned a Treatise of the holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in part augmented. By Thomas Tymme. The seventeenth Impression.

Printed in Aberdene, by Edward Raban, for David Melvill. 1630.

12°. pp. 288. Black Letter. Prettily Printed. It is divided into twelve chapters.

"Tymme or Timme, Thomas, Minister," appears as a pretty voluminous author in Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica, where the present work is thus noticed:—"A Silver Watch-bell to waken all Estates from the drowsy sleep of Sin, &c. Lond. (without date) 8°." Besides the works noticed by Watt, may be mentioned "Gueuarra's Dispraise of the Courtier's Life, done out of French by Sir Francis Briant, Knt., with apt notes by T. Timme, Imp. by W. Norton, 1575." 18°. Black Letter, dedicated to John, Lord Russel.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, III., 101-102.

1631.

BIBLE. Printed by Raban, Aberdeen, 1631.

Size, $6\frac{5}{8} \times 3\frac{7}{8}$ in.; 36 lines to the page; Black Letter. (A fragment, James I., 26—Sig. N.n. 2, to the end.)

From Mr. Euing's MS. Catalogue. But unfortunately the book is lost. Probably there was a colophon from which Mr. Euing could ascribe it to Raban. If the sheets are in eights or twelves this must be a fragment of a whole Bible, and not of the New Testament merely.

Communicated by John Young, Jr., Esq., University Library, Glasgow.

[LABEL.] This Bible is given to the Hos- | pitall of ABERDENE, by *Gilbert* | *Hervie*, elder, Burges of the sayd | BURGH, *May* 18. 1631. |

A label, measuring 8 × 3 cm., affixed at the foot of the page on Hervie's Bible. See *The Toun's Great Bible, Privately Printed*, 1885, for an account of Gilbert Hervie and his gift.

Town House, Aberdeen.

STANBRIDGE, JOHN. Vocabvla | Magistri Stanbrigii, | Ab infinitis quibus antea scatebant

mendis | repurgata, observatâ interim (quoad ejus fieri | potuit) carminis ratione, & meliusculè | etiam correcta, studio & industria | Thomæ Newtoni | Cestresbvrii. | [Woodcut (oval).]

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Edwardvs Rabanvs | Impensis Davidis Melvill, 1631. |

8°. Titlepage only. Text commences on verso.

British Museum, Harleian MSS., 5938, 50.
Bagford Collections.

1633.

PSALMS. The Psalms . . . With the whole Forme of Discipline, &c. 1633.

See pp. 47-48. Compare Gordon's *Scot's Affairs*, Vol. III., pp. 235-239, and Spalding's *History of the Trubles*, Vol. I., p. 312. (Spalding Club Edition.)

Bailie, who gives a History of the Aberdeen Assembly, alludes to this matter thus:—" Poor Barron, otherwise an ornament of our nation, we find has been much *in multis* the Canterburian way. Great Knavery and direct intercourse with his Grace we found among them, and yet all was hid from us that they could." (Bailie, I., 195.)

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, I., pp. 17-18.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Institutiones grammaticae. 1633.

See page 49. K 4, pp. 135-136, De incremento verborum—Accessio secunda—Tituli præcipuarum constructionum—Errata.

University Library, Glasgow.

1634.

LEECH, DAVID. Positiones Nonnullæ logicæ et philosophicæ Quarum σύζητησισ πειρασικη D.D.O.M. instituetur, In Acroaterio Abredonensis Academiæ Maximo, Ad [16] diem Julii, horis antemeridianis, respondentibus aliquot Adoloscentibus, Curriculum Philosophicum emensis, et hac vice cum laureâ emittendis. Præside Davide Leochæo.

Aberdoniis, Excudebat Edwardus Rabanus, 1634.

4°. pp. 20 (but incomplete). The dedication is "Alexandro Brodæo Domino de eodem, Antiquæ et florentissimæ Brodæorum familiæ Primogenito et Heredi, qualiacunque hæc quadrimi laboris Spicelegia, in grati animi tesseram submisse D. Adoloscentes Magisterii Candidati." It is subscribed by sixteen students.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, II., 293.

See page 50, where I quote from Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue.

PSALMS. Psalms of David with Prayers, &c. Aberdene, Edward Raban. 1634.

Sale Catalogue of Dr. Lee's Library, Part I., 3341, February-March, 1842.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, III., 254.

1635.

LEECH, DAVID. Positiones Nonnullæ Philosophicæ Quarum συζητησις πείρασικη, A.D.O.M. Instituetur, In Acroaterio Academiæ Regiæ Abredon.

Maximo; Ad diem Julii, horis antemeridianis, respondentibus aliquot Adolescentibus, Curriculum Philosophicum emensis et hac vice cum laurea emittendis. Præside Davide Leochæo.

Aberdoniis, Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanus, Anno Domini 1635.

4°. pp. 24. It is dedicated to the R. Father in Christ, Adam, formerly Bishop of Dunkeld, and Dean of the Chapel Royal, now Bishop of Aberdeen, one of his Majesty's Council, and laird of Kinnouchar, "D.D. Joan. Forbesii Magnifici et prudentissimi Rectoris nostri." It is subscribed by eleven students.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, II., 295.

See page 56, where I quote from Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue.

1636.

CANONS and Constitutions, &c. 1636.

See pp. 57-58. Two copies—in one the correction at foot of E 1[1] is made as described; in the other the mistake remains—"It shall bee . ." A 1 is blank.

University Library, Glasgow.

FORBES, JOHN. Irenicum, &c. 1636.

See page 58. See note to edition of 1629 at page 194.

LEECH, DAVID. Positiones Nonnullæ Philosophicæ, Quarum σύζητησις πειρασικη A.D.O.M. Instituetur; In Acroaterio Acad. Regiæ Aberdon. Maximo: Ad diem Julii, horis antemeridianis respondentibus

aliquot Adolescentibus, Curriculum Philosophicum emensis, et hac vice cum laurea emittendis. Præside Davide Leocæo. [Woodcut of College Arms.]

Aberdoniæ | Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanus Anglus, | Almæ Academiæ Typographus, 1636. |

4°. pp. 32. It is dedicated to Sir Henry Goodrick, Englishman, of Ribston, Baronet, whose son had been of the course in the College. It is subscribed by fourteen students.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, II., 301.

See page 58, where I quote from Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue.

WHOLE Forme of Discipline, &c. 1636.

See page 59. In an old Catalogue of this University Library, dated 1791, occurs the entry as Watt gives it, but on referring to the book, I find that the date ought to have been 1633 (that of the Psalms of which it is a part); and Watt, being a Glasgow man, would probably see this Catalogue, and copy the misdated entry from it.

Communicated by John Young, Jr., Esq., University Library, Glasgow.

1637.

BROAD, WILLIAM. Bonvm Factvm. | De Hydrope | Theses, | Quas, | D.T.O.M.F. | Sub Rectoratu Magnifici & Clarissimi Viri, | D. Artvri Ionstoni, Medici Regii. | Ex decreto & authoritate facultatis Medicæ, in | celeberrima Academia Aberdonensi Regia. | Pro consequendis in sacra Medicina docto- | ralibus Privilegiis. | Præside Patricio Dvnæo, M.D. | & Facultatis Medicæ Decano. | Publicè discutiendas proponit Gvlielmvs | Broad, Berwicensis. | Ad primum diem Iulii, 1637. Loco consueto. | Bona Verba Dicite. |

Aberdoniæ, | ¶ Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanus, | Anno ut supra dictum. |

4°. Six leaves. [A 1¹] Title, [A 1²] Dedication "Nobilissimo & illvstrissimo Domino, Roberto, Comiti de Roxburgh . . . ." signed by the author; B, C, two leaves each, "De Hydrope"; [D 1¹] Latin Verses on the author, by "Art. Ionstonivs" and "D. W.," [D 1²] blank.

NOTE.—The first and last leaves have no signatures, but the second and fourth have signatures "B" and "C" respectively. Pages 8, 9, only are numbered (the title being thus p. 1).

University Library, Glasgow.

JOHNSTON, ARTHUR. Paraphrasis Psalmorum, &c. 1637.

See pp. 61-62. *Collation.* 1¹ Title, within woodcut border, 1² blank, 2¹ Dedication "Ad Mariam Erskinam, Illustrissimam Comitissam Marescallanam, Epigramma," 2² blank, 3 Ad lectorem, A 1—M 3¹ Psalms, M 3²—M 7¹ Cantica Evangelica, &c., M 7² blank.

University Library, Glasgow.

1638.

COVENANT. Answeres of some Brethren of the Ministerie. 1638.

See p. 64. Two copies. (*British Museum title.*) Bar wanting in fourth line, after the word Aberdene; |

Collation. A 1¹ Title, A 1² To the Christian Reader, A 2²—I 2², pp. 4-36 (p. 4 is on A 2²). Answers. Page 18 is wrongly numbered "81" in both copies.

University Library, Glasgow.

LEECH, DAVID. Theses Philosophicæ, De quibus A.D.O.M. In publico Academiæ Regiæ Aberdon. Acroaterio διατριβὴ πειρασικὴ instituetur, Die Julii, Anno 1638. Respondentibus Magisterii Philosophici Candidatis. Præside Davide Leochæo. [Here is inserted a Cut of the Arms of the College:—a pot of lilies, in the top centre of which a hand holding an

opened volume descends from a cloud. On the pot are three salmon, and below the whole, on an escroll—Ex biblioth | eca Colleg | ii regalis | Aberdone | nsis.]

Aberdoniæ, Imprimebat Edwardus Rabanus.

4°. 24 pp. Hebrew types occur in this print. It is dedicated to the Rev^d. Wm. Guild, D.D., Minister of New Aberdene, Chaplain to King Charles, Dean of the Faculty of Theology in the King's College, Aberdeen. Mention is made of his gift of the Monastery of the Trinity Friars to the Trades: "Pigri et obesi Monachorum ventres ignaviam suam cupediis pascant." Mention is also made of his benefactions to the Grey Friar Church, the gate of Marischal College, and the Kirk of King Edward. Of his works are mentioned :—

Moses Retectus, qui legis Leviticæ typos, remoto velamine in propatulo luce visendos sistit.

Issachari Asinus sub onere gemens, quo Ecclesiæ Scoticanæ inopia laborantis ac tantum non depressa, vivis coloribus graphicè depingitur.

Epitome Controversiarum ; quæ Pontificios inter et Evangelicos adeo animose et contentiose hodieque disceptantur:—quidque præ ceteris longe eminet, opus eruditissimum et elaboratissimum.

Antidota tripertitum Papismi, jam nunc sub prælo fervens, cujus impatienti desiderio ac expectatione, orbis hic noster Septentrionalis jam diu cruciatur.

His declamation against fishing on Sunday is next noticed: "cum zelo Divinus Dei accensis, prophanos diei Dominicæ temeratores, et (odiosissimum hominum genus) Dardananos, an nonæ flagellatores, malo publico natos, cœlestis eloquii fulmine percelleres, ac tantum non ad Tartara detruderes. Itaque meritissimo factum est, at serenissimus Rex noster Carolus in reverandum Sacellanorum suorum Collegium te cooptavit: et nunc nuper Academia Regia Aberdonensis facultatis Theologicæ summam præfecturam (quam Decanum nuncupant) in solenni et anniversaria Panegyri, consentientibus omnium electorum suffragiis, invito licet et restitanti, detulerit." It is subscribed by fourteen students.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Aberdonensis, II., 297-300.

See page 67, where I quote from Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue.

PSALMS. Psalmes of David in Metre, According to the Church of Scotland.

Aberdene, Edward Raban, 1638.

Sale Catalogue of Dr. Lee's Library, Part 1., 3766, February-March, 1842.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, III., 254.

1641.

WEDDERBURNE, DAVID. Sub obitum, &c. 1641.

See page 72. This is reprinted in Lauder's *Musæ Sacræ*, Edinburgh, 1739, pp. xxviii.-xxix.

Biographia Abredonensis, I., 120.

1643.

DECANUS, SAMUEL. Positiones Nonnullæ Physiologicæ de Coelo, Quas divino faventi numine, sub præsidio Clarissimi atque doctissimi viri M. Patricii Gordonii, Sacratioris Philosophicæ, in inclyta Academia Aberdonensi Regia, Professoris Salutissimi: Publicæ disquisitionis prælo, Die M. Jul. publicum solenne periculum subsequenti commissas, in maximo Academiæ dictæ Auditorio, propinquam nititur Samuel Decanus *Bohemus.*

Abredoniæ, Imprimebat Edv. Rabanus, 1643.

4°. pp. 16. It is dedicated "Zbiqueo à Goray Goraysky, Tervitarii Chelmensis Castellano," "Georgio à Rzecyzca Rzecyzcky," "Georgio à Kona Slupecky," Capitaneis—and to Dr. Guild, Rector of the College, "Jacobo Myleo, P. L. C. Ecclesiæ Belzycianæ antistiti," and "Stephano Siuellicio Gymnasii Belzycensis Rectori."

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, II., 305.

See page 73, where I quote from Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue, and mistake the author's surname.

GORDON, PATRICK. Theses Philosophicæ, quas A.P.D.O.M. Adoloscentes Magisterii Candidati, in Auditorio publico Academiæ Regiæ, Universitatis Aberdonensis Carolinæ, Ad XIV. Julii, horis Antemeridianis, Anno 1643, Sustinebunt. Præside Pat. Gordonio.

Aberdonensis Imprimebat Edvardus Rabanus, Universitatis et Urbis Typographus.

4°. pp. 20. It is dedicated to George, Marquis of Huntly, Earl of Enzie, Lord Gordon, Badenoch, &c. It is subscribed by fifteen students.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, II., 304.

See page 73, where I quote from Dr. Laing's Sale Catalogue.

1644.

MELVILL, ELIZABETH. A Godly Dream, &c. 1644.

See page 76. "On the suggestion of my friend, Mr. George Chalmers, I give the following Poetical Tract a place in this collection: "A Godly Dream, &c. Aberdeen, Imprinted by E. Raban Laird of Letters, and are to bee sold at his shop, at the end of the Broad gate 1644." There are two circumstances not a little remarkable of this publication. It was, as my friend Mr. Chalmers informs me, the first book printed at Aberdeen; and perhaps no printer or publisher, before or since, has assumed so strange and singular a title as Mr. Raban, who scruples not to style himself "Laird of Letters." This poem has been reprinted by Pinkerton. Pinkerton says the authoress was not the mother of Colvill the Poet. Ritson makes it clear that she was,—from Douglas's Peerage, p. 146. The First Edition was printed at Edinburgh, 1603."

[Anecdotes of Literature and Scarce Books, by Rev. William Beloe, London, 1807. 2 vols. 8°. Vol. II., pp. 95-98—where the poem is given.]

Biographia Abredonensis, I., 122-3.

1649.

MIDDLETON, ALEXANDER. [Theses.] . . . nui Gord . . . quiti aurato, D. De Haddo. . . . ilectissimo quondam condiscipul . . . nunc vero mæcenati plurimum col . . . hasce philosophicas, quas A.D.O.M. ingenui aliquot . . . o Universitatis Aberdonensis, Curriculum Philosophicum emensi et hac vic . . . In publico Philosophantium cons . . . propugnaturi ad diem 2 Julii, 1649, hori . . . Præside Alexandro Middletono, D.D. CC.Q. . . . [Names of eighteen Candidates.] . . .

Aberdoniæ, Imprimebat Edvardu . . .

Fragments found in the binding of a copy of Andro' Hart's Bible. 24 May 1837. J. R.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, III., 233.

Sine Anno.

HORN BOOK. [1622?]

See pp. 81-82. Dr. Laing's copy is now in the British Museum, but wrongly dated in the Catalogue [1620?] The press mark is C. 38. d. 9.

JAMES BROWN.

1650.

CAUSES OF A FAST. The | Causes | of a Publick Fast, | and Humiliation, | To be kept with all conve- | nient diligence: | By all the Members of this Kirk & Kingdom | Of Scosland (*sic*). | Set down by the Commissioners | of the Generall Assemblie. |

Aberdene, | Imprinted by James Brown, | Anno 1650. |

See p. 83. 4°. A—C in twos. A 1[1] Title, A 1[2] blank, A 2[1]—B 1[2], pp. 4-6 (p. 4 is on A 2[2]), Causes of a Fast, after the defeat, Sept. 3, 1650, B 2[1]—C 1[1], pp. 8-9 (p. 8 is on B 2[2]), A Letter, to the Presbyteries, from the Commissioners of the Generall Assemblie, C 1[2]—C 2[2], pp. 11-12 (p. 11 is on C 2[1]), A short Declaration and Warning, to all the Congregations of the Kirk of Scotland; from the Commiss. of the Generall Assemblie.

University Library, Glasgow.

1651.

ANSWER OF THE COMMISSION, &c. 1651.

See pp. 83-84. *Erratum*—Bar omitted, p. 84, l. 2, read: With | An Answer | . . .

DOWGLAS, ROBERT. The Form, &c. 1651. 8vo.

See page 85. There was a cropped copy described as 12°. in the Harleian Library.

LIDDEL, DUNCAN. Artis Conservandi Sanitatem, Libri duo, &c. 1651.

See page 86.

"Mr Duncan Liddel Doctor of Phisik buriet 13 Decr 1613."

Register of Burials in Aberdeen.

This extract differs from Professor Stuart's account, who makes him to die on "December the 17th," and is supported herein by the inscription on Liddel's tomb.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, I., 70.

1656.

[REGULATIONS anent workmen's wages, prices of small commodities, weights and measures, and servants' fees.] *Commencement.* The Justices of peace having mett at Aberdene, the 23. day of June, . . . *End.* And ordaines these presents to be printed & published that none pretend ignorance. Aberdene, the Twentie sixt of Iune, 1656 years. Signed in the name and by order of the Court. Christopher Powell Cl. of the peace.

Broadsheet, 15 × 11¾ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1658.

ALMANAC. A New | Prognostication, | For the year of our Lord 1658. | Being the second after leap year. | Calculated, for the Latit. & Merid. of the Ho- | nourable Citie of Aberdene: Where the Pole | Artick

is elevated 57 degr. 30 min. according | to Argolus and Tychon. [Woodcut of Man with Globe, and quotations from Psal. 19 and 147, and Iob 38.]

Aberdene. | Imprinted by Iames Brown. |

8°. Eight leaves. In the copy examined, which was found in the binding of a book, only four leaves remain, viz.: First, Second, Seventh and Eighth. 1^1 Title, 1^2 Computation of Time, 2^1 The Common Notes and Moveable Feasts, with the first lines of Observations on the four quarters of the year at foot of the page, 2^2 Of Summer, Of Harvest, Of Winter, 3—6 are wanting, 7^1 List of Fairs in November and December, 7^2 The following quaint observations:—"In this year 1658 hearken, both *Old and Young*. The Astronomers say, That the Age of Man, is three score and twelue years, And, That Man is lyke but one whole year. For, you must take six years, for everie Moneth: As Ianuarie, or Februarie: And so of the rest. For, even as the year changeth, by the twelue Moneths, into twelue dyverse manners: So doeth Man change twelue tymes in his lyfe: By twelue Ages: And everie six tymes, six; maketh thirtie six. And then Man is at the best, and the highest. And, twelue tymes six, maketh threescore, and twelue. And, this is the Age of Man. For, Hee is eyghteen years, Young: eyghteen years, Strong: eyghteen years, Wyse: and the other eyghteen years, Old." The rest of the page is taken up with a caution on the "Nyne Floods." 8^1 is filled with verses, which are continued half way down the next page:—

SOME CERTAIN CONVENIENT TYMES,

ANNO 1658.

Hee that marries all in haste;
And then to rack doth go:
By knitting of himself too fast;
Hee doth himself undo.

Wedding and Hanging the Destines dispatch;
But Hanging seems to some the better match.

Poet and Pot differ but in a letter:
Which maks the Poet to loue the Pot the better.

The Barbar only lives by cutting hair,
And yet doth brag, that kings to him sit bare.
Me thinks hee should not boast and brag of it,
For hee must stand to beggars whil they sit.

The cheating hors-coper (that cunning mate)
Doth with the Buyers thus equivocate,
Claps on his hand, & swears he may not thryve
If that his Gelding bee not under fyve.

Were some Women as little, as they are good ;
A Peas-cod wold be them a gown & an hood.

Manie Women are toothless, that when they were young,
Had both Teeth enough, and too much a Tongue.

* * * * * * * *

But that their Tongues have worn their teeth away.
Things that bee bitter, bitterer than gall,
Physitians say, are alwayes physicall.
Then womens tongues if into powder beaten,
And in a Potion, or a Pill bee eaten.
Nothing more bitter is. I therefore muse,
That womens tongues in Physik they ne'er use.
Theirs manie men, who live unquiet lives,
Wold spare that bitter member of their wives.
Then prove them Doctor, use them in a pil,
Things oft help sik mē that do sound men kil.

The Almanac concludes with a notice of "a most pure Minerall Well at Peterhead ; Good for all Diseases, if it bee taken, and used, by the advyce of anie Skilfull Physitian, &c.," followed by a caution against Popery.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

SIBBALD, JAMES. Diverse Select Sermons, &c. 1658.

See page 93. *Erratum*—In collation, line 3, for pp. 2-114, read pp. 2-184.

1659.

STRACHAN, JOHN. Theses. [King's College.] 1659.

"At last the said Strachan was to graduate his scholars of the Magistrand class; and after he had printed his theses, and distributed them, and the day appointed for the graduation in the common-school of the college, then Mr. Andrew Cant, minister in Aberdeen, and young Mr.

Andrew Cant, regent in Marischall's College, and the rest of the clergy, accused Mr. Strachan for his theses, and said he had set down Popish positions in them. But Mr. Strachan told them he would defend all that was inserted in the theses. . . . . Before the dispute Mr. Strachan graduated his class; and the Earl of Aberdeen, who became chancellor of Scotland, was first graduated."

Orem's Old Aberdeen, Ed. of 1782, pp. 163-4.

1660.

DOWGLAS, WILLIAM. (Professor of Divinity in King's College, 1644-66.)

"He printed the following treatises at Aberdeen:—

[1. - - as in *Aberdeen Printers*, - - p. 88.
2. - - " " - - p. 91.
3. - - " " - - p. 93.
4. - - " " - - p. 96.]
5. Oratio panegyrica, on the restoration of Ch. 2d., read in the publick school of King's College, 14 June, 1660."

From MS. Lists of several persons who have enjoyed offices in the University and King's College of Aberdeen. By Thomas Gordon, Regent, 1765-97.

"Of Dr. William Douglas I know nothing more, than that he was professor of divinity in King's College, Aberdeen, and the author of several small treatises. I have only seen his Vindication of Universities which is written with great modesty and good sense. Its title is 'Academiarum Vindiciæ . . . Aberdoniæ, 1659.' 4°."

Bower's History of the Univ. of Edinburgh, I., 227.

For his reproof to Charles II., see Hume VII. 200; Kennedy II. 404; Sir Walter Scott's Poetical Works, II. 199, note.

1644-1666.

He held the Divinity Chair in Old Aberdeen College during this period. He was formerly Minister at Forgue. "Mr. Douglas," says Kennedy, "was eminent for learning and published the following treatises at Aberdeen:—I. Vindiciæ Veritatis, 1655; II. Vindiciæ Psalmodiæ

Ecclesiastico-Divinæ, 1657; III. Academiarum Vindiciæ, 1659; IV. A Synod Sermon, preached at Aberdeen, 18 April, 1659; V. Oratio Panegyrica on the Restoration of King Charles II., read in the public school of King's College, 14 June, 1660." Kennedy II., 404.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, I., 117-118.

1661.

LOGIE, ANDREW. Cum Bono Deo. | A | Remonstrance | To The | Godly Party. | Two maine Quæries, Which stand | much usefull for these our times. | The One is anent that, which made this wofull Diaphragma | or Dissepimentum, this Division twixt King, State and | Church; And this is Episcopacy. | The Other is anent that, which hath so pittifully rent our | Church in her self, & so stands maceries, paries intergerinus, or | intergerivus, The partition-Wall twixt our Protesters, the | Godly Party, (as they are pleased out of a more then a | Pharisaicall pride superciliously to arrogate this title to them- | selves) and the Assemblymen; So that it is turned questio- | nable with not a few with us to day, which of these two con- | trary Factions we should acknowledge for our true Represen- | tative Church, both these acclaiming in jure, this Title to thē- | selves. | And this is, If our Commission of Church did rightly deter- | mine anent the receiving in, into the bosome of their Army | of Nuncupative Malignants, in such a nick of time & exigence | of Affaires, or pronounced therein clave errante. Numero, If | that Engagement stood lawfull with the One, or

unlawfull with | the Other: | And | A Vindication of Both, | By Andrew Logie somtime Arch-Deane of Aberdene; |

Penned by the Author, Ann. 1654, And printed 1661. |

See page 100. 4°. A—F 1 in fours. Without place of printing, but Aberdeen. Colophon on F 1[1]:—"Printed by James Brown, April, 1661." | *Collation.* A 1 Title, verso blank, A 2 (marked A)—F 1[1], pp. 2-39 (p. 2 is on A 2[2]), Of Episcopacy, F 1[2] is blank, A 3 and A 4 are marked A 2 and A 3. The running headline is—Vindication of Episcopacy, | And the nick-named unlawfull Engagement. |

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

Sine Anno.

CANT, ANDREW. On the Titles of Our Blessed Saviour.

Aberdene, Printed by James Brown.

"Mr. Andrew Cant. He wrote against the late learned Divines of Aberdeen; afterwards he was parson of St. Michal's church. He wrote also on the Titles of our Blessed Saviour, which were printed by James Brown, printer in Aberdeen."

Catalogue of Scottish Writers, p. 121.

F. U.

1661.

LESLIE, JAMES. Ὁ Ἀςηρ (*sic*) Ὀρθρινὸς | Ἀπολαμπεῖ | Seu | Natalis Domini relucet, | refulget, | In Academiâ Marischallanâ Ca- | rolinæ Universitatis Aberdonensis, | Octavo Calendas Januarias, | M,D.C,LXI. | August. lib. 4. de trinit. Cap. 8. | Contra rationem nemo sobrius contra | scripturam nemo Christianus, contra Ecclesiam, | nemo pacificus, senserit. |

Aberdoniis, | Anno Ær. Christ. 1661. |

See page 99. 4°. Three leaves + A—E 1, two leaves each. 1 Title, within woodcut borders, verso blank, 2, pp. [2], Dedication to Earl Marischal, 3[1] Benevolo Lectori, with this note at foot of the page:—"Typographi pariter junioris imperiti tyrocinium prælo calente emissum excusetur," 3[2] is blank, A—E 1[1], pp. [17], Oratio, E 1[2] is blank. There is no paging. At the top of A 1[1] is a woodcut, with the initials F. U. filling the space usually occupied by the printers' initials. I am inclined to ascribe this to a printer (name unknown) who may have worked for a few months between Brown and John Forbes the Elder.

University Library, St. Andrews.

JOHN FORBES.

1662.

COVENANT. General Demands, &c. 1662.

See pp. 101, 103-104. Through the kindness of D. M. A. Chalmers, Esq., Advocate, Aberdeen, I am enabled to print the following, copied from a MS. in his possession :—

PETITION of Mr. ROBERT FORBES Professor of Philosophy in the University of Aberdeen

May it please Your Grace

In the beginning of the late troubles Anno 1637 Some covenanting Ministers being sent by some of their Associats from the South to Aberdein for advanceing the interest of the Covenanters y^r; Had some Quaeries moved ther to them concerning the most materiall poynts of that Covenant, by the Doctors of Theologie then at Aberdein, To wch these Ministers gave their first answeir And when the aforsaid Doctors replyed the covenanting Ministers wanted not their second answeris Vpon wch followed the Duplyes of the Doctors To which no answer as yet hath bein returned, And Because by the iniquity of the late tyms these books have bein almost destroyed and worne out of print, your Grace's petitioner haveing a perfyt copie of the Quæries, answeris first and secund replyes and duplyes intendeth for the publict good and information of the people of this Nation In order to the setling of the church government therein, To publish and cause reprint them. And seeing the charges and paines to be tacken in that work will be vast and above the reach of the petitioner's power

It is humblie desired that he alone for the space of ten yeirs to come may be licensed to cause print and publish the forsaid books and all uthers without a special licence from the petitioner prohibited to print cause print or sell them vnder such penalty as shall seem expedient to your Grace This is the humble desire of the humblest of your Grace's servants Mr. Robert fforbes professor of philosophy In Marischall Colledge of King Charles Vniversity of Aberdein

Ed^{r}. 12 July 1661

These doe licence the printing of the Queries of the Doctors of Aberden wth the ans^{rs} Replyis and Duplyes to Mr. Ro^{t}. Forbes & to discharge all persons q^{t} somever to print or vent them for Ten yeeres wth out his warrand

12 July 1661
Allowed in Parliament
Crafurd & Lindesay
The^{r}. I P D Par

1663.

BARON, ROBERT. De Discrimine Peccati, &c. 1663.

See page 103. Watt has probably made a mistake in the date for 1633, of which you have described a copy. The mistake may have occurred in the same way as that I suggested in regard to the Whole Forme of Discipline, 1636.

Communicated by John Young, Jr., Esq., University Library, Glasgow.

1664.

KEITH, GEORGE. Help in time of Need. 4to. Aberdein, 1664.

Dr. D. Laing's Sale Catalogue, Part I., No. 1920.

See pp. 104-106, where an edition, 1665, is described.

1665.

CICERO. M. Tullii | Ciceronis | Epistolarum | Libri Quatuor: | Ab Ioanne Strumio, pue- | rilis educationis causa selecti, & ad | castigatissima Ciceronis | exemplaria recens collati. | Quibus adjecta

est etiam difficiliorum locorum | brevis explanatio, ex Francisci Junij, | Pauli Manutij, Simeonis Bosij | Commentariis descripta. | Per I. R. |

Abredoniæ, | Excudebat Joannes Forbesius, | Anno Dom. 1665. |

8°. A—L in fours. A 1[1] Title, within borders, A 1[2] Dedication by the editor, John Rae (Joannes Rayus), to Patrick Galloway (Gallova) and John Hall, Pastors of the Church of Edinburgh, A 2[1]—L 3[2] M. Tullii Ciceronis Epistolarum Selectarum, &c., L 4[1] Tabula Nonarum, Iduum, & Calendarum perpetua, L 4[2] is blank. There is no paging.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

STRACHAN, PATRICK. Theses. 1665.

"At the Marischall College the first day of August 1665. The said day in presence of the Rector, Deane of faculty, Princl. and wholl Regents Mr Alexr. Pattone of Kynadie advocate in Abd. compeired personally in name of ane Right Noble and Potent Lord William Earle Marischall Lord Keith and Altrie. And being commissionate did their produce ane pair of theses emitted, printed, published and distributed be Mr Patrick Strachn Regent of the sd College and did compleane that ther wer severall heterodox and profane theses contained theirin qlk became no good christiane nor civill mane to mantaine they altogether reflecting upon the fame of the Universitie, and being ane open floodget to murder, drunkennes and idolatrie contradictorie to the expresse word of god. Therfor desyred to know by what authoritie they wer emitted. . ."

From a Volume in the Senatus Room of King's College, lettered—"Marischal College Old Records, 1593-1721." *

1666.

BROWN, ROBERT. Rudimentorum | Rhetoricorum | Libri quinque. | —Auctore | Roberto Bruno |

* I am indebted to P. J. Anderson, Esq., for the numerous quotations from the Records of the University of Aberdeen.

Præsbytero Scoto. | — Fungor vice cotis, acutum | Reddere quæ ferrum valet exors ipsa secundi. |

Aberdoniæ, | Excudebat Joannes Forbesius. | Anno Dom. M.DC.LXVI. |

A—I 6 in eights. [A 1¹] Title, [A 1²] blank, A 2¹—A 4¹ Epistola D. Jacobo Bardæo, Equiti ab Auchmedden . . . . nec non Consulibus Urbis Bamfiæ, A 4² Ad Eosdem Epigramma, [A 5¹—A 6¹] "Præceptore suo summopere observando Magistro Roberto Brownæo, Pastori Forglenensi, Magister Alexander Setonus Verbi Divini præco Bamfiensis, S. P. D.," [A 6²—A 7²] "Reverendo in Christo Fratri, M. Al. Setono, Presbytero Bamfiensi, Salutem." *Signed* "Gul. Burnetus. Dabam Coloniæ 4. Kal. Maij 1666," [A 8¹]—I 5 (pp. 1-124), Rudimenta, [I 6¹] Ad Lectorem, [I 6²] blank.

There is another copy here, but with a new titlepage, of which the subscription is as follows:—Edinburgi, | Impensis Davidis Trencii, Bibliopolæ Edi- | nensis, Anno Dom. M.DC.LXVII. On the back of this title there are verses, "In elaboratissimam Bruni | Rhetoricam Encomiasticon," signed "Jo. Boerus. | Datum ex Auditorio | Nostro Dalkethi 17. | Calendas Martii, | 1667."

In all other respects this edition is *identical* with the above, and Trench has thus merely given it a new leaf for the title. Forbes's woodcut, with initials, is on p. 14 in both editions or issues.

University Library, Glasgow.

FORBES, JOHN. Cantus. 2nd Edition. 1666.

See pp. 106-107. A copy in the British Museum wants the last line on the titlepage, as given at p. 106—"And are to be sold at Edinburgh, by David Trench, Bookseller." See the preceding entry for another of Forbes's books printed for Trench.

JOHN FORBES, YOUNGER.

1669.

SCOLDING. Scolding No Scholarship, &c. 1669.

See pp. 111-112. The Author's name is given in the Catalogue of the Advocates' Library as [Alexander?] Cone.

Communicated by John Young, Jr., Esq., University Library, Glasgow.

1671.

[EXCISE AGREEMENT.] *Commencement.* Forsomickle as Collector of the Excise of Aberdene, . . . *End.* In witness whereof, we have subscrived thir presents, with our hands, at Aberdene the day of 167 .

Folio. Broadsheet, two on a page. The date of the Licence is Nov. 1670 to Oct. 1671.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1672.

BARCLAY, ROBERT. A Seasonable Warning, and Serious Exhortation to, and Expostulation with the Inhabitants of Aberdeen, concerning this present

Dispensation and Day of God's living Visitation towards them. 1672.

4°. Half-sheet.

Catalogue of Friends' Books, Joseph Smith, Vol. I., p. 174.

1673.

GRAY, THOMAS. [Theses.] *Commencement.* Nobilissimo, Amplissimo, & Clarissimo, | Georgio, | Comiti Marischallo, etc. | *End.* Theses hasce Philosophicas A.P.D.O.M. Propugnabunt sub Præsidio Thomæ Graii, supra nominati juvenes | ex Collegio Marischallano Aberdonensi, hac vice, cum Magisteriali laureâ emittendi Iulii [10] Anno 1673. horis & loco solitis. | E Typographæo Ioannis Forbesii Junioris, Urbis & Universitatis Typothetæ, Anno Æræ Christianæ, M.DC.LXXIII. |

Folio Broadsheet, 23½ in. × 21 in. Printed on Satin, with Illuminated Border. MS. note on back—A Program for the Public Graduation 1673—presented by Mr. John Mair, Student of Physic—Septr. 1817.

Charter Chest, Marischal College. Documents, Regalia and Miscellaneous—Miscellaneous, No. 4. Knight's Inventory, p. 159.

1675.

BARCLAY, R., AND GEO. KEITH. A | True and Faithful | Accompt | Of | The most material Passages of | a Dispute betwixt some Students of Divini- | ty (so called) of the University of Aber- | dene, and the

People called Quakers; held | in Aberdene in Scotland, in Alexander Harper | his Close (or Yard) before some hundreds of | Witnesses, upon the fourteenth day of the | second Month called April, 1675. There being |

Opponents { John Lesly. / Alexander Shirreff. / Paul Gellie. } Mast. of Art. |

And Defendants upon the Quakers part. | Robert Barclay, and George Keith. | Præses for moderating the meeting, | chosen by them, Andrew Thomsone Advocate: | and by the Quakers, Alexander Skein, som- | time a Magistrate of the City. | Published for preventing misreports, | by Alexander Skein, John Skein, Alexan- | der Harper, Thomas Merser, and John Cowie. | To which is added, Robert Barclay's | offer to the Preachers of Aberdene, renewed | and re inforced. | Act. 4. 27. | [Quoted.]

London Printed, in the Year, 1675. |

See pp. 120-121. 8°. A—E4 in eights. A1[1] Title, verso blank, A2, pp. 3-4, The Epistle, A3—D3[1], pp. 5-53, The Dispute, D3[2]—D7[2], pp. 54-62, R. B. His Offer to Jo. Menzies Professor of Divinity (so called) George Meldrum, Minister at Aberdeen, and William Michel catechist, at foot of Dee, D8—E4[1], pp. 63-71, A Postscript, signed G. K., E4[2] is blank. Page 49 is marked 65, and page 52 is marked 68, 57 is marked 97. I have included this book as I have considerable doubts of its having been printed in London as the title says.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

HAY, ALEXANDER. Deo Opt. Max. Auspice. | Duo | Antidota, | Nimirum | I. Theriacæ Andromachi senior. | II. Mithridatii Damocratis. | Nunc Primum |

Aberdoniis. | Composita | In Conspectu & Consessu | Amplissimi Præfecti & Consulum; | Censuræ | Doctissimorum Medicorum subjecta. | â | Magistro Alexandro Hayo, | Aberdinensi Pharmacopœo. | Anno Æ. C. M.DC.LXXV. Mense Aprili. |

See page 119. 4°. 4 leaves, or 8 pp. not numbered. 1[1] Title, 1[2] Latin verses to the Author, with Arms of the City of Aberdeen at top of the page, and approbation of the Aberdeen Medical Doctors at foot of the page, 2—4, pp. [6], Antidota.

University Library, St. Andrews.

1676.

BARCLAY, R., AND G. KEITH. Quakerism Confirmed, &c. 1676.

See page 121. *Erratum*—line 3 from foot, Quakerism Canvassed | should be Quakerism Convassed (*sic*). |

1678.

GARDEN, JAMES, 1611-97 (Professor of Divinity in King's College). Funeral Sermon on Professor Henry Scougal, his predecessor, who died 13th June, 1678.

The chair was vacant for over two years.

From Gordon's MS. Lists.

At this time (June, 1678), Garden was Minister of Balmerino, in the Presbytery of Cupar. Gordon does not definitely say that the Sermon was printed *in Aberdeen*, still I should think this likely, as till 1676 Garden had been Minister of Maryculter.

1679.

TABLE. A Table of the Dues, payable to the Burgh of Aberdeen, | and the Tacks-Men, or Collectors

thereof, for the Pack- | House and Weigh-House: Made and set down by the | Provest, Bailies, and Council of the said | Burgh, upon the last day of May 1676. And ordained | to be Printed, and fixed in publick Places, to the effect, all | having interest, may have notice thereof: And that no farther be exacted by the Uptakers of the saids Dues, but | as hereafter followeth. |

Aberdeen, Printed by Iohn Forbes, Printer to the Town, Anno 1679. |

Broadsheet, 12¾ × 8¼ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1680.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement from a noble and potent Earle, Iohn Earle of Errol, Lord | Hay and Slaines; high Constable of Scotland, Sheriff-principall of the | Sheriffdom of Aberdeen; Mr. William More of Hilton, Advo- | cat, Sheriff-depute of the said Shyre; and Andrew Skene younger, | of Pitmuckston, Heritable Mair of Fee of the said Sheriffdom: To the | several Mair-deputs within the samen. | *End.* Given under our Hands at Aberdeen, | the twenty-sixth day of August 1680. | Erroll. | Mr. William More. | Andrew Skene. | For the Parish of |

Broadsheet, 12¼ × 7¾ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1683.

ALMANAC. A New | Prognostication | For this Year of Man's Redemption, 1683. | Being the third

after Bissextile or Leap Year. | Calculated exactly according to Art, from diverse very famous | Authors, for this our Ancient Kingdom of Scotland, but | more especially for the Meridian of famous Bon-Accord, whose Elevation is 57 Degr. 10 min. | By a painfull Astronomer, and well-wisher to his Countrey. | [Wood-cut of Arms of the City of Aberdeen, with four lines of verse running from top to bottom along the right-hand side of the cut.]

[*For this Year.*] No Almanacks are from ABERDEEN.
But where these ARMES are to be seen,
They haveing been our Badge of Old
For Loyaltie, and BON-ACCORD.

Thus, seeing they have very uncorrectly counterfit and reprinted our | Almanacks at Edinburgh these two years by past therefore I intreat | these Printers to forbear such unrighteous Practices in times coming. |

FOR, Such never lives in true Societie,
Nor know they Friendship, Love or, Pietie.

By Iohn Forbes, Printer to Bon-Accord. |

8°. Eight leaves. Contains an advertisement of Forbes's Cantus, 3rd Edition.

James Chalmers, Esq. of Westburn.

FRASER, GEORGE. Thesis. [King's College.] Aberdeen, 1683.

Anno 1683 Lauream Magisterialem adepti sunt, Promotore Georgio Fraser, P.P., Juvenes quorum sequuntur nomina Maii 25 [one name], Julii 10 [27 names]. Inserta ex Thesi impressa.

Album (copy), King's College, Aberdeen, Vol. I., p. 346.

SUFEREINCES for the Excyses Impositione.

Item for thertie sex pund payit to the printer for printing of Sufereinces for the excyses Impositione conforme to accompt is 36 0 0

Accounts of the City of Aberdeen, 1683-84.

1684.

FORBES, ROBERT. Thesis. [King's College.] Aberdeen, 1684.

Anno 1684, Julii 8, Lauream Magisterialem adepti sunt, Promotore Roberto Forbesio, P.P. Juvenes quorum sequuntur nomina [25 names.] Inserta ex Thesi impressa.

Album (copy), King's College, Aberdeen, Vol. I., p. 346.

1685.

SKENE, ALEXANDER. Memorialls, &c. 1685.

See pp. 136-137.

"1685. History of the toun by Mr Alexander Skene late Baillie, twenty copies of, ordered for the toun's use."

Council Register, Vol. 57, p. 198. Kennedy's MS. Index.

He was Laird of Newtyle . . . He was Baillie for the first time, 1656, and filled office for a year; was again elected in 1658, apparently for the last time. In 1670 he is styled "Alexander Skene of Newtyle, late Baillie"--and evinced a philopoliteiacal inclination at that epocha.

Extract from Dr. Joseph Robertson's MS. Biographia Abredonensis, I., 214.

1686.

BLACK, WILLIAM. Theses, | Problemata & Paradoxa | Philosophica: | Quæ, Laureæ Magisterialis Candidati, in Col- | legio Regio Aberdonensi, ad diem

15 Julii, | A.P.D.O.M. publicè propugnabunt, | horis & loco solitis. | Arbitro Gulielmo Blak, | [Woodcut of Book-plate of King's College, and Motto.]

Abredeis Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius, | Urbis & Universitatis Typographus, | 14 Iunii, A. Æ. C. 1686. |

4°. Title + B—D 1, two leaves each. *Collation.* Title, within woodcut borders. Dedication to Alexander, Earl of Moray, on verso. B—D 1, pp. 1-10, Theses. The Dedication is signed by Black, and 34 Candidates.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1689.

BARCLAY, JOHN. A description, &c. 1689.

See pages 138-139. Edinburgh, reprinted by T. Lumsden and J. Robertson, 1741. See Campbell's Introduction to History of Poetry in Scotland. An account of this poem occupies from p. 207 to p. 210.

Biographia Abredonensis, I., 66.

1690.

ACT. Act | Anent Murthering of Children. | July 19th 1690. |

Broadsheet, 10¾ + 8¼ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1694.

BLACK, WILLIAM. Thesis. [King's College.] Aberdeen, 1694.

21 Junii Anno 1694 Lauream Magisterialem adepti sunt, Promotore Magistro Gulielmo Blak, P.P. Juvenes quorum nomina sequuntur [42 names.] Inserta ex Thesi impressa.

Album (copy), King's College, Aberdeen, Vol. I., pp. 350-4.

1697.

FRASER, ALEXANDER. Thesis. [King's College.] Aberdeen. 1697.

Hi sequentes Candidati Laureâ Magisteriali ornati sunt a Magistro Alexandro Fraser Philosophiæ Professore, 15 Junii [18 names.] Inserta ex Thesi impressa.

Album (copy), King's College, Aberdeen, Vol. I., p. 352.

PEACOCK, GEORGE. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas Collegii Marischallani, | Universitatis Carolinæ A- | bredonensis, Laureæ Ma- | gisterialis Candidati, | A.P.D.O.M. ad | diem 3. Junii, horis | & loco solitis | propugnabunt. | — Præside Georgio Peacock. | —Cic. de Nat. Deor. Lib. 2. [quoted.] |

Abredeis, Excudebat Joannes Forbesius, Urbis | & Universitatis Typographus, Anno Dom. 1697. |

4°. A, four leaves. [A 1¹] Title, within woodcut border, [A 1²], p. 2, Dedication to Sir David Ramsay, Bart. of Ballmain, and list of the 18 candidates, A 2¹—[A 4²], pp. 3-8, Theses philosophicæ.

University Library, Glasgow.

VIRGILIUS. Quædam | P. Virgilii | Maronis Epigrammata | Cum Moreto, | In Schedulam Tenuiorum | gratiâ Collecta. | *In minimis prodesse juvat* | *cum maxima desint.* |

Abredeis, | Excudebat Ioannes Forbesius | Urbis & Universitatis | Typographus, Anno 1697. |

8°. Eight leaves. 1^1 Title, within a border, 1^2 Large woodcut of a Female seated, 2^1—8^1, pp. 3-15, Epigrammata, 8^2 Large woodcut of a Female standing.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1699.

INFORMATION. Information For the New Colledge of Aberdeen, Against the Old Colledge. |

Folio. pp. 2. [1699.] With the MS. "Answers to the Memorandum for the New Colledge of Aberdeen, 1699," by King's College, about the division of the gift of £300.

Charter Chest of Marischal College. Bishop's Rents and Exchequer Payments, 5a. Knight's Inventory, p. 131.

REPRESENTATION. To all our Generous and Charitable Countrey- | Men within the Cityes of Dantzick and | Konings-berg, and the Kingdom of | Poland. | The humble Representation of the Principall and Masters of the | Marischall Colledge of Aberdeen in Scotland. |

Folio. Broadsheet. Dated June 2d, 1699.

Charter Chest of Marischal College. Buildings, 1644-1700. 3. Knight's Inventory, p 135.

1700.

DISCHARGES FOR TAXATION.

These papers appear to have been printed every year after this date. The entries in the Accounts are as follows:—

1700-1	Item of Eght pund payed to John Forbes for printing the discharges to the last taxation - - -	8	0	0
1701-2	Item of Eght pund ten, *as above* - - - -	8	10	0

1702-3	Item payed for printing the taxation discharge tuo sett & for paper yrto per acct & warrand - -	10	12	0
1703-4	It pyd to John Forbes for printing the taxation discharge and ane table of the packhous & weighhous dues as per accot & warrand - - - -	16	16	0
1704-5	Item to the Representatives of John Forbes for printing the Taxation discharges - - -	10	0	0
1705-6	Item for printing taxation discharges - - -	9	14	0
1706-7	It payed the Relict of John Forbes printer for printing . . . the discharges of the taxation - -	10	0	0
1707-8	Item paid to James Nicol for taxation and water discharges - - - - - - - - -	20	6	0
1708-9	Paid the following year - - - - - - -	16	0	0
1710-11	Item for taxation discharges - - - - - -	20	0	0
1711-12	do. do. - - - - - -	16	0	0
1712-13	It. payed the Printer for printing 1200 discharges for taxatione the lyke number for the water and for 192 title pages to premiums and a sett to a cellar with programs . . . per accompt and warrand -	24	9	0
1713-14	Item paid for printing the Discharges for taxation and well money . . . per accompt - - -	21	8	6
1714-15	Taxation discharges - - - - - - -	10	0	0
1715-16	Taxation discharges & paper - - - - - -	24	0	0
1716-17	Item paid to James Nicoll for taxation discharges . . .	30	4	0
1717-18	Taxation Discharges & paper - - - - - -	22	16	0
1718-19	do. - - - - - -	22	0	0
1719-20	do. - - - - - -	22	0	0
1720-21	do. - - - - - -	21	0	0
1721-22	do. - - - - - -	23	0	0
1722-23	do. - - - - - -	23	0	0
1723-24	do. - - - - - -	23	0	0
1724-25	do. - - - - - -	23	0	0
1725-26	Item of Twenty nyne pound eighteen shilling Scots pay^d^ to Jas Nicoll Printer for printing Taxation discharges . . . - - - - - - - -	29	18	0
1726-27	Item of twenty three pound Scots pay^d^ to James Nicol printer for printing the discharges for the Taxation and well money and for paper thereto and drink money for his Servant as ye accompt and warrand - - - - - - - -	23	0	0

One of the receipts for this year's Well Money, used for cash jottings, has been preserved in an Account Book in the Town House. It reads as follows:—

At *Aberdeen* day of 172 Years
Received from
the Sume of Scots Money,
as Proportion of the Money imposed for defraying the charges &c. anent the Wells and Publick Lights of the Streets, conform to an Act of *Head Court*, from *Whitesunday* 1726 to *Whitesunday* 1727 Years, I say by Me

1727-28	Item pay[d] to James Nicol for printing the Discharges for the taxation and well money & for paper thereto - - - - - - - - -	23	0	0
1728-29	Item paid James Nicol Printer do. - - -	20	0	0
1729-30	Item paid James Nicol Printer do. - - -	23	0	0
	do. for printing Blank summondsess and blank charges of payment for the Taxation as per accompt - - - - - - - - -	19	12	0
1730-31	Discharges for Taxation - - - - - - -	23	0	0
1731-32	do. - - - - - - -	23	0	0
1732-33	do. - - - - - - -	23	0	0
1733-34	do. - - - - - - -	23	0	0

Accounts of the City of Aberdeen, 1700-1734.

PETITION. To The Right Honourable, | The Lord Præses and remanent Commissioners from the Royall | Burrow's of Scotland assembled at Aberdeen. | The Petition of the Principall and Masters of the Marischall Colledge. |

Folio Broadsheet. [1700.] Knight in a MS. note at the entry states: (N.B. £1200 Scots received.)

Charter Chest of Marischal College. Buildings, 1644-1700. 5. Knight's Inventory, p. 135.

SKENE, GEORGE. Thesis. [King's College.] Aberdeen. 1700.

Hi sequentes Candidati Laureâ Magisteriali ornati sunt a Magistro Georgio Skene, Philosophiæ Professore 4to die Aprilis, Anno 1700. [29 names.] Inserta ex Thesi impressa.

Album (copy), King's College, Aberdeen, Vol. I., p. 353.

1701.

SKENE, GEORGE. Thesis. [King's College.] Aberdeen. 1701.

Hi sequentes Candidati Laureâ Magisteriali ornati sunt a Magistro Georgio Skene, Philosophiæ Professore, 3° die Julii, Anno 1701, [25 names.] Inserta ex Thesi impressa.

Album (copy), King's College, Aberdeen, Vol. I., p. 353.

1702.

SMITH, WILLIAM. Oratio. 1702.

See page 151.

"1701. Graduation Oration by William Smith one of the Regents of the Marischal College ordered to be printed on the toun's expenses, in respect the same contains a full account of the antiquity of the toun and benefactors to the college."—Council Register, Vol. 57, p. 800.

Biographia Abredonensis, I., 88.

1703.

TABLE of the packhous and weighhous dues.

It. pyd to John Forbes for printing . . . ane table of the packhous and weighhous dues as per accot & warrand 16 16 0

Accounts of the City of Aberdeen, 1703-4.

SUCCESSORS OF JOHN FORBES.

1705.

ANDERSON, GEORGE. (Professor of Divinity in King's College, 1704-11.) Thesis. De Predestinatione. [Circa 1705.]

From Gordon's MS. Lists.

BLACK, WILLIAM. Cogitata Nonnulla Philosophica. | Quæ | A.P.Q.D.O.M. | Laureæ Magisterialis Candidati | in Collegio Regio Aberdonensi | Eruditorum examini Subjicient | ad diem 2 Maij | A. Æ. C. | 1705. | H. L. Q. S. | —Præside Gulielmo Blak, P.P. | [Woodcut, with the inscription, "Ex Bibliotheca Collegii Regalis Aberdonensis."] |

Abredeis, Excudebant Successores Joannis Forbesii | Urbis & Universitatis Typographi, 1705. |

4°. A, four leaves, B—C in twos. [A 1¹] Title, within woodcut borders, [A 1²], p. 2, Dedication to John Urquhart of Meldrum, and list of the 24 candidates, A 2¹—[C 2¹], pp. 3-15, Cogitata, [C 2²] blank.

University Library, Glasgow.

1706.

ACT. Act of the Iustices of Peace of the Shire of A | berdeen, Met at Aberdeen, the Thirteenth day of | June 1706 Years. |

Folio. pp. 2. n. p. n. d. [1706.]

Cornelius Walford, Esq., London.

FRASER, GEORGE. Thesis. [King's College.] Aberdeen. 1706.

2do Maii, Anno 1706, Lauream Magisterialem adepti sunt, Promotore Magistro Georgio Fraser Subprimario & P. P. Juvenes sequentes [25 names.] Inserta ex Thesi impressa.

Album (copy), King's College, Aberdeen, Vol. I., p. 355.

PROGRAMME. Professor of Mathematics' "Program." [Marischal College.]

Issued by the Magistrates in connection with an attempted ejection of Mr. George Liddell from the chair of Mathematics. Candidates are invited to come and dispute the post "*detur digniori.*" Mr. Liddell, however, was reinstated.

Thomas Gordon's MS. Lists, &c.

The order for printing the "Program" was made on 8th May, 1706:—"The said Day The Counsell takeing to consideratione the frequent repeated malversses of Mr. George Liddell professor of matematicks in this burgh, his remissnes in his office, his frequently being Guiltie of scandalas and keepeing scandlous company togither with his present confessione of fornicatione with Jean Bisset subscrived with his hand and produced in Counsell They Depose him of his office in all tyme comeing, And appoints ane program to be printed and served thereanent betwixt and 20 August nixt."

Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LVIII., p. 40.

1707.

TABLE. A Table, &c. 1707.

See page 157. It. payed the Relict of John Forbes printer for printing the table of the Bel customes 15 lbs.

Accounts of the City of Aberdeen, 1706-7.

1709.

[ADVERTISEMENT.] *Commencement.* Præfectus Consules, | Reliquusque Senatus Abredonensis, | Bonarum artium studiosis. | [Advertise a competition for an undermastership in the Grammar School.] *End.* Dat. Abredoniæ 27 die Mensis Julii Anno | Domini 1709. Sub subscriptione Magistri | Alexandri Thomson secretarii nostri. | Al: Thomson. |

Folio. Broadsheet, 12¾ × 8¼ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement from the Justices of Peace of the | Shire of Aberdeen met at Aberdeen the Twenty second | of September One thousand seven hundred and nine | years. |

Folio. pp. 2. Regulations to prevent the introduction of the plague into Scotland.

Robert Dickson, Esq., Surgeon, Carnoustie.

1710.

PROPOSALS. Proposals | By | The Society in Scotland, for Propagating Christian Knowledge. | . . . *End.* Aberdeen, The Thirtieth of March One thousand seven hundred | and Ten, In presence of the above Committee. |

Folio. Broadsheet, 12 × 15 in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

JAMES NICOL.

1711.

ALMANAC. Gloria Deo in Excelsis | Good News from the Stars, 1711. | Or, Aberdeen's New | Prognostication | For the Year of Our Lord, 1711. | Being the Third after Bissextile or Leap-Year. | Calculated for the Latitude of the Famous City of Aberdeen, | having exactly 57 deg. 10 min, and may very well | serve for all the North part of Great Britain, | without any great or apparent Errour. | By a Well-wisher of the Mathematicks. | [Woodcut of Man with Globe.]

Aberdeen Printed, and Edinburgh Reprinted by | John Reid Junior, in Liberton's-wynd, 1711. |

8°. Eight leaves. In the absence of a genuine Aberdeen Prognostication of this date, the following particulars of this pirated reprint will be acceptable to readers. 1^1 Title, 1^2 Chronological Remarks, 2^1 Eclipses, 2^2 On the Seasons, 3—6 Prognostications for each Month, &c., 7^1 Tide Table, &c., 7^2 On the signs of the Zodiac, with a very curious woodcut, 8^1 Annual Rents, and Verses concluded on 8^2. The Verses are as follows :—

O ! Lord, we pray it of thy Grace,
Let *Britain* flourish ay in Peace.
Expell these Dreadful Fumes of Wars,
Bind up our Breaches and our Jars.
Let Queen and People Thee attend,
And from the Mobbs do Us Defend.

So we conclude the Year with a few Lines in Verse.

Attend my Friends and you shall hear,
What strange things shall fall out this Year;
A Mighty fight shall foughten be,
Which many of your Eyes shall see,
And many think it safer far,
To look on than engage in War.
The place as Constellations say,
Is a plain Field beneath the *Tay*,
The first *Platoons* on either side,
Right boldly Battel will abide,
But none of either shall return,
Till they be brought unto their Urn.
A Knight shall jump before his fall,
And fright the Adverse General.
But ah! a Rogue with subtile Wheels
Shall suddenly turn up his Heels.
Two Myter'd Heads shall long contend,
Their Monarch safely to defend,
But he and they shall go to wrack,
And be laid flat upon their back.
King, Knights, and Men of meaner Rank,
Shall all be buried in one stank,
This Fight shall be surviv'd by none,
But the Two Generals alone.
The one insulting with great folly,
The other vex'd with *Maggie Colly*,
Yet ruminating in his Mind,
To be revenged the next Campaign.
A Salmond shall be caught in *Don*,
Near Thirtie Foot beneath a Stone,
A numerous Family shall be stiffled,
And their rich Habitation Riffled,
Its plain in *August* by the Stars,
This Tragedy will be in the *Carss*.
GOD Save the *QUEEN*.

I have been at pains to describe this Almanac at considerable length, because, with the exception of a short advertisement of certain articles sold in Edinburgh, I believe it to be a literal reprint of Nicol's Prognostication for the same year. In this respect it agrees with an Edinburgh edition of the Almanac for 1683, in the library of Mr. Chalmers of Westburn.

Mr. Chalmers also possesses a Prognostication for 1703, "Edinburgh Reprinted by John Reid, younger"; but, except the name, "Aberdeen's Almanack," it bears very little resemblance to the genuine prints.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

BLACK, WILLIAM. Thesis. [King's College.] Aberdeen. 1711.

Hi sequentes, Promotore Magistro Gulielmo Blak, P.P. 2do Maii, 1711. [22 names.] Inserta ex Thesi impressa.

Album (copy), King's College, Aberdeen, Vol. I., p. 356.

1712.

PROGRAMMES. "Programs for a Master to the Grammar Schooll."

It. payed the Printer for printing . . . programs for a Master to the Grammar Schooll per accompt and warrand 24 9 0

Accounts of the City of Aberdeen, 1712-13.

SMITH, WILLIAM. Theses Philosophicæ, | Quas, Propitio Summo Numine, | Generosi & Ingenui Juvenes, Laureæ Magiste- | rialis Candidati, in Celeberrima | Academia Marischallana, | Universitatis Carolinæ Abredonensis, Eruditorum | Subjicient Examini, ad Diem [ ] Aprilis, H. L. Q. S. | — Sub Præsidio Gulielmi Smith P.P. | [Arms of Marischal College, Aberdeen, followed by a Motto of 3½ lines.]

Abredeis Excudebant Successores Joannis Forbesii, | Urbis & Universitatis Typographi 1712. |

4°. Six leaves, without signature, but paged from 2 to 12. [P. 1], Title, within woodcut border; p. 2, List of 66 Candidates; pp. 3, 4, Dedication to John, Viscount Arbuthnot, and his brother (?) Robert Innes of Inverbervie (dated 6th April, 1712); pp. 5-12, Theses philosophicae.

University Library, Glasgow.

1713.

PROGRAMMES. "Programs for a Master to the Grammar Scholl."

Item paid for printing . . . programs for a Master to the Grammer Scholl per accompt 21 8 6

Accounts of the City of Aberdeen, 1713-14.

1714.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement by Order of the Right Honourable the Justices of Peace | of the Shire of Aberdeen, met at their Quarter Session, the Thirty | day of October One thousand seven hundred and fourteen Years, | Collonell John Buchan Præses. |

Folio. pp. 4.

Town House, Aberdeen.

TABLE OF FEES. [Woodcut Arms of the City of Aberdeen.] A Table of Fees | To be Payed to the Collector of the Customs at Aberdeen, | Condescended to, and agreed betwixt the Magistrats and | Merchants of Aberdeen, and Captain Robert Erskin | Collector of

the Customs of Aberdeen, the Twenty Day | of May, One Thousand seven Hundreth and Fourteen Years. |

Folio. Broadsheet, 13¼ × 8 in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

TWELVE TUNES. Twelve Tunes for the Church, &c. 1714.

See pp. 163-164.

Item payed to James Nicoll printer for dedicating a Tune book to the Magistrates & Councill - - - - 24 0 0
It. to his Servants - - - - - - - - - 1 16 0

Accounts of the City of Aberdeen, 1713-14.

1715.

PETITION. (July 25, 1715.) | Petition | For | The Magistrates of Aberdeen. | [Relates to the "Farming the Seats" in the Churches.]

Folio. pp. 3. No place or printer's name.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1716.

INFORMATION. July 18th, 1716. | Information | For Robert Stewart Provost of Aberdeen, and other Merchants there, | Against | Captain Coilzier. | [Dispute about the ship Joanna of Aberdeen, captured by a French privateer.]

Folio. pp. 2. No place or printer's name.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1717.

ADVERTISEMENT [PROGRAMME.] "Programs" for a Master in the Grammar School. 1717.

See pp. 168-169.

Item paid to James Nicoll for . . . programs 30 4 0

Accounts of the City of Aberdeen, 1716-17.

ANSWERS. January 14, 1717. | Answers for the Magistrates of Aberdeen, | To the Petition of the Trades of the said Burgh. |

Folio. Broadsheet, 15⅝ × 7¾ in. It is signed by Jo. Horn.

Town House, Aberdeen.

PETITION. (January 23d, 1717.) | Unto the Right Honourable, The Lords of Council and Session, | The | Petition | Of | William Cruden present Baillie in Aberdeen, George and Alexander Crudens his Sons, | and John Cruden Merchant in Old-Deer. | [Action raised by Jean Carnegy and her husband of Process of Exhibition against the Crudens as Trustees of Andrew Carnegy.]

Folio. pp. 2. No place or printer's name.

Town House, Aberdeen.

PETITION. February 11, 1717. | Unto the Right Honourable the Lords of | Council and Session. | The Petition of | The Magistrates of Aberdeen, | Against | The Trades thereof. |

Folio. pp. 2. Signed Jo. Horn.

Town House, Aberdeen.

PROGRAMME. Professor of Mathematics' "Program." [Marischal College.] Colin Maclaurin Elected 1717.

The Town Council, at their meeting on 11th Sept., 1717, ordered as follows:—"Considering that Mr. George Liddell Late professor of Mathematicks wes deposed from his office By the Lords Commissioner's Appoyinted Lately by his Mejestie for Visiting the Colleges and Schools of Aberdein, Upon which the saids Magistrats and Counsell hade caused Emit programs for Supplieing the said Vacancy and had elected Mr. Charles Gregorie professor of Mathematicks in Saint Andrews and Mr. Alexr. Burnet Regent in the King's College of Aberdein as qualified persons To take tryall of any Candidats."

Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LVIII., p. 555.

1718.

ANSWERS. (29th January, 1718.) | Answers | Mr. Thomas Arbuthnot, Factor to the Estate of the late | Earl Marshal, | To | The Petition of Mr. John Gordon Minister at Oldeer. | [Process against the Factor for bygone partial Rests of the Minister's Stipend.]

Broadsheet, 12½ x 8 in. No place or printer's name.

Town House, Aberdeen.

INFORMATION. December 22, 1718. | Information for William Wardrop, Alex- | ander Montgomery, and other Officers of the Cu- | stoms presently residing in Aberdeen; | Against | William Cruikshanks and Thomas Farquharson Trea- | surer and Collector of the Town's Taxation and Well-Money. | [The

Officers of the Customs refused to pay the Water Taxes.]

Folio. pp. 2. No place or printer's name.

Town House, Aberdeen.

INFORMATION. December 29th, 1718. | Information | For | The Magistrates, Town-council, Burgesses, and hail other | Inhabitants of the Town of Aberdeen, | Against | William Wardrop and other Custom-house Officers | there. |

Folio. pp. 2. No place or printer's name.

Town House, Aberdeen.

INFORMATION. 15 July 1718. | Information | For | The Town of Aberdeen, | Against | Mr. Patrick Strachan and Mr. Gilbert Burnet. | [On the purchase of the Lands and Fishings of Ruthrieston.]

Folio. Two leaves, or four pages.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1719.

MEMORIAL. January 27, 1719. | Memorial | For | The Town of Aberdeen, | Against | Mr. Wardrop and others. | [On the refusal of the Customs-Officers to pay Water Taxes.]

Broadsheet. 13¼ × 8¼ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1720.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement by the Honourable the Iustices of | Peace of the Shire of Aberdeen, met at Aber- | deen upon the Twenty first day of November, One | Thousand seven Hundred and Twenty Years. | *End.* By Robert Stewart Provost of Aberdeen Pre- | ses to the said meeting Subscriving. | Robert Stevvart P. |

Broadsheet, 13¾ × 8 in. On Quarantine regulations. It states "that that Infectious distemper the Plague, was certainly in the Isle of Man, and that the Town of Douglass was already blocked up on that account."

Town House, Aberdeen.

1721.

VERNER, DAVID. Dissertatio Philosophica, | de | Passionibus sive Affectibus, | Quam, | Favente Summo Numine, | In | Auditorio Publico Academiæ Novæ Abredonensis, | ad diem 11 Aprilis, H.L.Q.S. | Propugnabunt, David Verner Præses, | Et hi Candidati Laureâ Magisteriali con- | donandi. | [Names of thirty-nine students.]

Abredeis, Excudebat Jacobus Nicol, Urbis & | Universitatis Typographus, An. Dom. 1721. |

4°. A, four leaves; B, two leaves. A 1[1] Title, 1[2], p. 2, Dedication to Adam Cockburn, Lord Ormeston, A 2—B 2, pp. 3-12, Dissertatio.

James Chalmers, Esq. of Westburn.

1722.

PETITION. February 16th, 1722. | Unto the Right Honourable the Lords of Council and Session, | The Petition of William Chalmers Master | of Mortifications in the Town of Aberdeen. | [Concerning a Bond granted by Forbes of Monymusk for 2000 merks.] *End.* According to Justice, &c. | Ja. Fergusson. |

Folio. One leaf, or two pages.

Town House, Aberdeen.

REMARKS. Remarks | On | A Letter and some other Papers, lately | published by W. G. citizen of Aberdeen, | in relation to Mr. Blackwell Professor | of Divinity. |

Folio. pp. 5. n. p. n. d. [1722.]

Cornelius Walford, Esq., London.

1724.

ALMANAC. Aberdeen's | New | Almanack | Or A New | Prognostication, | For the Year of Our Lord 1724 | Being the Leap Year. | Calculated exactly according to Art, for the Benefit of the | Ancient Kingdom of Scotland. Giving the exact | Account of the Day and Hour of the New Moon, her | full Age and Quarters, throughout the whole Year 1724 | With the astonishing Eclipse of the Sun in May the 11th d: | and of the Moon in October 21st Rising and setting

of the | Sun every 11th Day of the Month, according to the lati- | tude of the 57 Degrres: (*sic*) Also the true length of the Day | and Night, and how many Days the Month hath, with the | Disposition of the Weather, and the whole Yearly Fairs. |

The *Sun's* eclips'd, the Moon depriv'd of Light
Both in this *Year*, and both within our *Sight*,
Sad *Prodromi* of *Slaughters* and *Exile*
And *Grand Mutations* in *Great Britains Isle;*
But what these are let *Time* it self discry,
For *that* will speak the *Truth*, so may not I.

Printed For the Year 1724. |

8°. Eight leaves. This is one of the pseudo-Aberdeen Prognostications, and has neither Nicol's name as printer, nor Aberdeen as the place of printing. It has no engraving of the Arms of the City, which characterises the genuine Aberdeen Almanacs of this period. The contents are similar to those of Nicol's Almanacs, but there is no poetical conclusion.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

PETITION. January 23d, 1724. | Unto the Right Honourable | The Lords of Council and Session, | The Petition of the Magistrates of Aberdeen, and Masters of the | College thereof, | Against the Minister and Kirk-Session of King-Edwards. | [Katharine Rolland in her Mortification allowed the Kirk-Session of King-Edward an alternative—either to spend the money on Bursaries, or on the poor of the parish. They chose the former, and at this date wished to make a change, which was resisted by the Magistrates.]

Folio. One leaf, or two pages.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1725.

ADVERTISEMENT. [Woodcut of Arms of the City of Aberdeen.] Præfectus, Consules, | Reliquusque Senatus Abredonensis | Bonarum Artium Studiosis. | *End.* Datum Abredoniæ quarto die | Mensis Januarii, Anno Domini, 1725 | sub subscriptione Magistri Alexandri | Thomson Secretarii Nostri. | Al. Thomson.

Folio. Broadsheet, 13 × 8¼ in. Advertises a competition for an Under-Mastership of the Grammar School.

Town House, Aberdeen.

ALMANAC. An Almanack, | Or, Aberdeen's New Prognostication | for the Year of our Lord 1725, Being the first after Bissextile or Leap Year. | Calculated for the Latitude of the Famous City of Aberdeen, having exactly 57 deg. 10 min. and may very | well serve for all the North Part of Great Britain, without any great or apparent Error. | By a Well Wisher of the Mathematicks. | [Woodcut Arms of the City of Aberdeen at left-hand side of title, and two Mottoes and the Figure of Time at right-hand side.]

End. Aberdeen Printed & sold by James Nicol, Printer to the Town and University and in Edinburgh by John Paton Book-seller in the Parliament Closs 1725 Price 2 Pence. |

See pp. 178-179. Broadsheet, 19⅝ × 16 in. Printed within lines. The title and imprint extend over the whole width of the page. For the first ten divisions, or pages, see p. 179, where an imperfect copy is

described. Division 11, Advertisement of Books and Medicines, with this notice:—"N.B. Notwithstanding all Magistrats in Burghs, and Distributors of Stamp Goods in their respective Districks are required and impowered by Act of Parliament, to sease al Haukers vending counterfite Almanacks in *Scotland*, yet there are great Quantitys under the name and Tittle of *Aberdeens* Almanacks publickly cryed, vended and sold in most Cities, Shipping Ports and Fairs, to the great loss of the Revenue, a cheat upon the Country, a horid Reflection and great loss to the Printer hereof, He printing none without Duty Stamp and *Aberdeens* Arms affixt to each. Therefore its intreated and hoped y^t the Persons in authority above named, will prevent the Revenues Loss, and Countrys abuse &c. by seasing such Counterfits and imprison such Haukers and Venders, and give them up to the Sherriffs of the Shires wherein they are seased, that they may be prosecute according to Law made thereanent &c."

Division 12:—The Conclusion for this Year 1725.

I find, that by the Star-board Paw,
Of my familiar Friend *JACK STRAW*,
By Subterraneous fire, the Sea
In many parts burnt-up shall be:
Which will an Embleme be of *Styx*,
Or *Etna*, when it plays it's tricks:
It shall at length be dry'd up quite,
Leaving some Ashes very white:
With which the Corps of thousands slain,
Shall be embalmed on the Main.
Many shall break their Mothers Bones,
A Pox on such unnatural Sons!
And some shall burn their Mother's Skin,
That longer Hair may grow therein,
And some her Intralls shall out-rive
And burn, to keep themselves alive.
In *BRITAIN* likewise this same Year,
Thousands of Men there shall appear,
Who never before did see this *Isle*,
But had been Neutral all this while:
(Sick sides will be in many places,
Before that they unvail their Faces)
Of language strange, yet we will find,
It understood by all Mankind,
Hereafter what these men will act,
I'll tell you when I tryst with *JACK*.

Many shall dye their hands in blood,
This Year 'twixt *Findhorn* and the *Tweed*,
And Maids to Agitations wedded,
Shall have a *SUB*, to them preadded.
Our Home-bred Jars will end per-force,
E're *Saturn* thrice absolve his Course.
I greet you well this Year my Friends,
And thus my Almanack here ends.

A. D. Morice, Esq., Aberdeen.

1726.

ANSWERS. 12 July, 1726. | Answers for Alex^der Westland Dean of Gild of | Aberdeen, and William Cruden Collector of the Kirk-Session | of the said Burgh, | To the Petition of James Allardice Merchant in Aberdeen. | [Provost John Allardice, father of James, left £1000 Scots for pious uses within the Burgh; his son pleads that there is only a free Balance on his Estate of about £31 Scots.]

Folio. One leaf, or two pages.

Town House, Aberdeen.

[PROGRAMME.] [Woodcut Arms of the City of Aberdeen.] Præfectus, Consules, | Reliquusque Senatus Abredonensis, | Bonarum Artium Studiosis. | *End.* Datum Abredoniæ Vigesimo Tertio die Mensis | Martii Anno Domini 1726, sub subscriptione | Magistri Alexandri Thomson, Secretarii Nostri. | Al. Thomson. |

Folio. Broadsheet, 13 × 8 in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

The Town Council, at their meeting on 23rd March, 1726, ordered the "Programs" to be issued:—"The said Day The Magistrats and

Counsell takeing into their consideration That Mr. Colin Mclaurin his office as Professor of Mathematicks in this place was Vacant and at the Magistrats and Counsells disposall as Patrons of the deceast Mr. Duncan Liddell . . . . . It had alwayes (for the most part) been the custom of the Magistrats and Counsell since the forsaid Mortification was made To issue out Programs and to order them to be sent South and North Inviteing all qualified persons in the Mathematicks upon three Moneths advertisement to come to this place and undergo tryall . . . . Ordanis Programs to be printed and sent South and North Inviteing all qualified persons in the Mathematicks to come and undergo a tryall for the forsaid office."

Aberdeen Council Register, Vol. LIX., p. 240.

The payment for printing is recorded in the Accounts as follows:— "Item of Tuenty nyne pound eighteen shilling Scots pay^d to Jas. Nicoll Printer for printing . . . Programs for the Vaccancy of the Professorship of Mathematicks and for paper . . . and to his servant for drink money as ℔ accompt and warrand."

Accounts of the City of Aberdeen, 1725-26.

John Stewart was elected to the Chair.

PROPOSALS. Proposals | For setting on Foot a Compleat Course | of Experimental Philosophy in the | Marishal College of Aberdeen. |

Folio. Broadsheet. Dated at end, 1726.

Charter Chest of Marischal College. Library. Philosophical Apparatus. 1. Knight's Inventory, p. 149.

1727.

ABSTRACT. Abstract of Regulations contained in the late Act of Parliament, to be observed by the Spinners, | Weavers and Stamp-Masters, from and after the 1st. of November, 1727. | *End.* Edinburgh

Printed, and Aberdeen Re-printed by James Nicol, Printer to the Town and University, 1727. |

Broadsheet, 17⅛ × 13⅜ in. Printed in double column.

Town House, Aberdeen.

[OATH.] *Commencement.* I | Do hereby Enact my Self in the Books . . . | *End.* I have subscrived this Enactment judicially | in Presence of of the Justices of Peace of the County | of Aberdeen, Subscriving at the | Day of 17 Years. |

Folio. Broadsheet, 12½ × 8½ in. Promising to maintain the quality of the woollen goods. Without date, but 1729.

Town House, Aberdeen.

PETITION. July 21, 1729. | Petition for the Magistrates and Town-Council | of Aberdeen. | [Dispute between the Magistrates and Sir Alex. Ramsay of Balmain, about "Power of electing a Professor of Oriental Languages for Marischal College, and of a Schoolmaster for the Parish of Birse."]

Folio. One leaf, or two pages.

Town House, Aberdeen.

Sir Alexander Ramsay's Answers, dated Dec. 11th, 1729, are in the same collection. Folio. Two leaves, or four pages.

1730.

[OATH of "Brewers and Keepers of publick Houses, Merchants, . . . not to keep, sell or import

any Brandy, Rum, Genever, Dantzick Waters, or other forreign Spirits whatsomever, contrary to Law."] *Beginning.* Whereas the Justices of Peace of the Shire of Aberdeen, . . . *End.* Subscribed this Enactment at the day of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Years.

Broadsheet, 16¾ × 13 in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

VERNER, DAVID. Illustrissimis ac Perhonorificis | Optimeque de Republica Meritis, Viris; | D. D. Gulielmo Cruikshank Consuli. | Jacobo Moorison, | Joanni Gordon, | Gulielmo Mowat, | Hugoni Hay, } Prætoribus. | Alexandro Livingston, Ædili. | Alexandro Robertson, Quæstori. | Cæterisque antiquissimæ ac nobilissimæ Civitatis Aberdoniæ Senatoribus, | Concordiæ Patronis Spectatissimis; Dissertationem hanc philosophicam, | De Finibus Bonorum & Benevolentia. | in devotissimæ Mentis, perpetuæque observantiæ Indicium, | D. D. C. Q. David Verner, Præses. | Et hi Magisterii in Artibus Candidati. | [Here follows a list of the 26 Candidates.] | Quam cum annexis, F.D.O.M. publice propugnabunt, in Ædibus Acade- | miæ Marischallanæ Aberdonensis, H. L. Q. S. ad diem 16 Aprilis 1730. |

Abredæis, Excudebat Jacobus Nicol, Urbis & Universitatis Typographus. An. Dom. 1730. |

4°. Six leaves (the fifth bears the signature B); paged from 2 to 12. Title (with border at top and bottom); pp. 2-12 Dissertatio (p. 12 Annexa, and Erratum).

University Library, Glasgow.

1734.

MEMORIAL. February 21, 1734. | Memorial | For | Mr. William Duff Professor of Philosophy | in the Marishal-College of Aberdeen. |

Folio. pp. 2. Signed, Jo. Forbes.

Town House, Aberdeen.

PETITION. February 24, 1734. | Unto the Right Honourable, the Lords of Council and Session, | The | Petition and Complaint | Of | Mr. William Duff Professor of Philosophy | in the Marishal-College of Aberdeen. |

Folio. Broadsheet. Signed, Jo. Forbes.

Town House, Aberdeen.

ANSWERS. 25 Feb. 1734. | Answers for Mr. Thomas Blackwell | Professor of Greek in the Marishall College of | Aberdeen, | To the Bill of Advocation presented for Mr. William Duff Professor of | Philosophy in the said College. |

Folio. pp. 2. Signed, Ro. Craigie.

Town House, Aberdeen.

ANSWERS. July 23, 1734. | Answers | For | The Principal and other Masters of the | Marishal College of Aberdeen; | To The | Petition and Complaint of Mr. William Duff Profes- | sor of Philosophy in the said College. |

Folio. pp. 2. Signed, Ro. Craigie.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1735.

ALMANAC. An Almanack: | Or, Aberdeen's New Prognostication, | for the Year of our Lord, M,DCC,XXXV, being the third after Bissextile or Leap-Year. | Calculated for the Latitude of the famous City of Aberdeen; being exactly 57 deg. 10 min. and | may very well serve for all the North of Great Britain, without any great or apparent Error. | By a Well-wisher of the Mathematics. | [Woodcut of the Arms of the City of Aberdeen at left-hand side, and three Mottoes, with woodcut of the Figure of Time, at right-hand side.]

End. Aberdeen: Printed and sold by James Nicol, Printer to the Town and University; and in Edinburgh, by John Paton, Book-seller in the Parliament Close, 1735. Price, two pence. |

Broadsheet, 18½ × 14¼ in. Printed within lines. The title and imprint extend over the entire width. Divided into four columns by lines, and again transversely, forming twelve pages or divisions. The first eight pages read down two-thirds of each column; and the last four read across. 1 Computation of Time, 2—8 Astronomical Notes, &c., for each month, with Annual Rents from 1633-1734, and the following verses on the stars:—

The Shining STARS, that shine in Heavens clear,
GOD by his wondrous Art doth make appear:
Vertues he puts into them, which affect
The Lower Bodies, by their chang'd Aspect.

9 Eclipses, Moveable Feasts, Terms, &c., 10 Tide Table, 11 Advertisements, and Notice about Counterfeit Almanacs, 12 Conclusion for the Year 1735.

So Long as Man is on this Ball of Earth,
He is expos'd to Danger here beneath,
Therefore I wish, still to delivered be,
From all those Persons stuft with Cruelty:
From a Proud Husband, and a scolding Wife,
From sharp Pointed Weapons, and a Murthering Knife;
From the conspiracy of all wicked Knaves,
From brawling Servans, and a crew of Slaves;
And from the Place where Wolves and Foxes be,
Vertue and Goodness still deliver me.
From the Mercy of some Jaylors,
And the Reproach they put on Taylors;
From High-way Men that Rob us,
From Morsels that will choak us;
From Ranters and great Eaters,
From Desemblers, and Cheaters;
From stinking Fish, and rotten Eggs,
From broken Shins, and gowty Leggs;
From a Pudden that hath no End,
From a bad Wife that will not mend;
From Forraign Foes Invasions,
And Country's Molestations;
From private Gain, by publick Loss,
From comming home by Weeping Cross;
From all those Evils I say again,
O! Heavens deliver me, *Amen.*

VIVAT REX.

A. D. Moric, Esq., Aberdeen.

1736.

ACCOUNT. An Account of the | Erection | Of The | Marishal College and Uni- | versity in the City of Aberdeen. | Extracted from the Foundation-Charter and other Records, by Order and | Appointment of the Honble the Magistrates of Aberdeen, as having

spe- | cial Interest in the University and public Library. |

Folio. pp. 4. [1736.]

Charter Chest of Marischal College. Library. Stationers' Hall Book 1a. Knight's Inventory, p. 147.

ADVERTISEMENT. Advertisement | From the Honourable, the Provost, Baillies and Council of Aberdeen, and from the Dean | of Gild of Aberdeen, with consent of his Assessors of Court; made at Aberdeen, the | seventeenth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and thirty six Years. | [On the Cloth and Stocking Trade. Regulations for Stamping the Goods.]

Broadsheet, 16⅝ × 13 in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1661.

[ADVERTISEMENT.] Seeing, our Soveraign Lord . . . | [Advertising two Annual Fairs to be held at Old Aberdeen.] *End.* Extracted out of the Register of the Court | Books of Old Aberdeen, the 10 of February, 1661 years. | God save the King. | Printed and Published by Authority. |

Broadsheet, 12 + 7⅝ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

1681.

ACT. [Woodcut of Royal Arms.] Act | For a voluntary Contribution towards the repairing | of the Harbour of Rosehartie, | at the Bay of Pitsligo. | Edinburgh, the twenty fourth of February, 1681. | *End.* Extracted by me, | Will. Paterson. | Cler. Sci. Concilii. |

Broadsheet, 11¾ × 7⅞ in.

Town House, Aberdeen.

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